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Thu 1130	WRMI	9955 [confirmed]
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Fri 2130	WRMI	7570 [confirmed]
Fri 2330	WRMI	5850 [NEW, confirmed]
Sat 0630	HLR	7265-CUSB Hamburger Lokalradio
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Wed 0630	HLR	7265-CUSB Hamburger Lokalradio
Wed 1315	WRMI	9955
Wed 1430	HLR	7265-CUSB Hamburger Lokalradio
Wed 2100	WBCQ	7490v

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http://shortwave.am/wor.xml

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** ANGOLA. Re: Angola MW --- Radio Nacional de Angola AM/FM/SW directory at
http://www.rna.ao/exploracao-da-rede/
only lists 945 and 1134 kHz as active on medium wave, along with two short wave frequencies. Broadcasting is now primarily on FM. (945 Radio N'Gola Yetu was received during the November 2014 Prince Edward Island DXpedition.) (Bruce Conti, NH, August 1, mwmasts yg via DXLD)

Thanks, apparently the MW network is being phased out. But at least

1290 kHz has been heard recently at night with main program, presumably EP do Zaire, Soyo. 73, (Mauno Ritola, Finland, ibid.)

I found this July 2012 news report:
http://www.portalangop.co.ao/angola/pt_pt/noticias/sociedade/2012/6/28/Transmissao-Radio-Soyo-reforcada-com-emissor-onda-media,2000d9ae-b638-4c97-baf0-3fd0bb256280.html

about a new 1290 MW Radio Soyo transmitter. It's interesting that 1290 is not included in the RNA list; only FM listed for Soyo/Zaire. 2015 WRTH lists 1290 Soyo as reported, not confirmed. -- (Bruce Conti, Aug 2, ibid.)

Great! Interesting, that they also confirm this non - 9 kHz frequency. 73, (Mauno Ritola, Aug 2, ibid.)

While investigating the 1290 station for Martti Karimies almost three years ago, I also read the newspaper report quoted by Bruce and also another one where the station apparently was receiving reports from neighbouring African countries. I also tried to get in touch with RNA by email but all email bounced.

No doubt this info was picked up by the WRTH editors who thought it was worth and asterisk and the comment "Reported, not confirmed". BTW, I believe I saw a newspaper report mentioning that power was increased way beyond 1 kW. One has to bear in mind that Soyo is one of the main oil centres of the country. My report as submitted by Martti (a.k.a. MKA) was published in MV-Eko #53-6 (October 15, 2012) as follows:

Oid/Tent Afrika, 1289.805, 3.9 0130, Tentative R Soyo, Province of Zaire. First thought was, that this must be Brazilian, but step by step and with big help of HK it revealed to be African station. The best choice according to the language and other details was Angola. There is a new station in Zaire Province which was starting 06.07.2012. According to the RNA official site it should be on 1298 kHz, but HK found news in internet telling them to be on 1290. Anyway, it seems that Angola is building now up new transmitters for us to hunt. Brazilian ESPN station seems to be now close to 1289.790; few days ago both stations carrier waves were visible at the same time. MKA

One of the newspaper articles I found for Martti is this one (where the frequency is shown as 1290 kW!):
TransmisiÛn de la Radio Soyo reforzada con emisor de onda media Zaire | Visa pÂ www.portalangop.co.ao | Fˆrhandsgranskning av Yahoo |

The original text in Portugues runs like this:

``Zaire --- Transmiss„o da R·dio Soyo reforÁada com emissor de onda mÈdia Soyo - A R·dio Soyo, do grupo R·dio Nacional de Angola - EP na provÌncia do Zaire, est· a transmitir h· uma semana, em novo emissor de onda mÈdia, informou hoje a chefe dos serviÁos de produÁ„o, Maria da ConceiÁ„o Arriaga. De acordo com a respons·vel, o novo emissor entrou em serviÁo no ‚mbito dos esforÁos do Executivo angolano, visando a expans„o do sinal da RNA e pode ser sintonizado na frequÍncia de 1.290 KW [sic].

O mesmo cobre totalmente a extens„o do municÌpio de Soyo. A partir de agora, adiantou a fonte, o sinal atinge tambÈm alguns territÛrios fronteiriÁos da Rep˙blica Democr·tica do Congo (RDC), provÌncias de Cabinda, UÌge e Bengo, bem como a capital, Luanda, e a Rep˙blica do Gab„o. ìRecebemos j· mensagens a confirmar a escuta das nossas emissıes no Kinzau (Tomboco), Luanda, em Boma (RDC) e Gab„oî, informou.

A R·dio Soyo emite ainda em FM 103.7 Megahertz, com serviÁo durante 24 horas ao dia, numa grelha de programas informativos, desportivos, formativos, novela, recreativos, entre outros, e conex„o com os est˙dios centrais, em portuguÍs e kikongo.AlÈm da RNA, as empresas de comunicaÁ„o social no Soyo est„o representadas pela ANGOP e Jornal de Angola.``

The report says that the station is on 103.7, the MW channel being a "reinforcement". If you locate Soyo on a map you will notice that the distance to Gabon or even to Luanda, the capital of Angola, is quite a bit more than one would expect from a 1 kW transmitter, which is the power indicated in the WRTH. Martti said he had tentative reception of RNA also on 1440 which is listed as Dundo, with 10 kW. Henrik /Henrik Klemetz (a.k.a. HK)

I guess MWlist is incorrect in listing the frequency as 1298? Interestingly the article mentions that this transmitter can be heard in Uige (listed on 1296). This 10 kW transmitter must have closed.

I chuckled when I read the reference in the article to the frequency being 1290 kW! Another case of reporting incorrect information by the media. 73 (Colin Miller, VE3CMT, ibid.)

Here is a writeup of my previous messages. Hopefully this will explain what actually happened. ("There is nothing new under the sun". Eccl. 1:10)

Three years ago, while investigating an unID station on 1290 reporteded by Martti Karimies directly to me, I found and used the online report which Bruce Conti is now quoting. I also found a shorter Spanish language version of the same article.

I suggested this was Soyo, and Martti (a.k.a. MKA) said he wanted me to get in touch with RNA, either Luanda or Soyo. I tried all the email addresses on hand but to no avail. All mails bounced.

Martti sent his log to MV-Eko where it was published on October 15, 2012 (edition #53-6). The following is the full report as filed in English by Martti:

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I guess this info got to the WRTH co-editor in charge, and so Soyo was listed on 1290 with an asterisk, meaning îReported but not confirmedî already in the 2013 edition of the book. (Soyo was unlisted on MW in the 2012 edition).

The online article in Portuguese says that a new transmitter on the MW frequency of "1290 kW" (sic) had been added to the local FM channel of 103.7 FM. (The latter still remains unlisted in WRTH 2015).

The online report goes on to say that the signal can be picked up in Luanda capital and that this is also the case in Gabon. Normally, you would not reach either of the two locations with a 1 kW transmitter, and so I believe the transmitting power would be 10 kW just like some of the other RNA MW outlets.

Incidentally, Martti also reported hearing another tentative Angolan signal on 1440 the same night our local time. WRTH has Dundo, 10 kW, on that channel.

Here is a link to the Spanish version which I sent to Martti at the time:
http://www.portalangop.co.ao/angola/es_es/noticias/sociedade/2012/6/28/Transmision-Radio-Soyo-reforzada-con-emisor-onda-media,3b8d5e0f-cac6-4153-b0f9-25a480332296.html

103.7 FM is mentioned in the Portuguese text only.

Soyo is a fairly important place. Here is what Wikipedia says:

Soyo (formerly known as Santo AntÛnio do Zaire) is a city located in the province
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Provinces_of_Angola
of Zaire
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Zaire_(province)
in Angola
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Angola
at the mouth of the Congo river. Soyo recently became the largest oil-producing region in the country, with an estimate of 1,200,000 barrels per day (190,000 m3/d). (/Henrik Klemetz (a.k.a. HK), mwmasts yg via DXLD)

** ANGUILLA. 700 MW, The Caribbean Beacon, where? While on holidays on St. Barthemely [sic] in the Caribbean on Nov 16, 2014, around 2000, I heard a strong signal from The Caribbean Beacon, The Valley on 1610 MW, but also a weak parallel signal on 700 MW. Where did this come from? (Bengt Dalhammar, T%by, Sweden, DSWCI DX Window August 5 via DXLD)

As I say again and again in other instances, it is a receiver-produced image at twice the IF, 2 x 455 kHz below the real frequency. It`s amazing how many DXers and editors don`t know about this, so I have to keep explaining it (and here, nothing to do with another real fundamental on 690). IIRC, I was also hearing this on 690 & 700 during a visit to Anguilla or vicinity (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ANTARCTICA. 15476, LRA36, Radio Nacional Arc·ngel San Gabriel, Base Esperanza. Due to the mail I have received from LRA 36 saying that this station will return to the air on 27th July, I am trying, since then, to pick up this station all days between 1950 and 2020 UT, the best slot time to received it here in the North West of Spain, but I heard nothing, only one day I got a very weak carrier on 15476.0 during five or six minutes. Yesterday, I sent a new e-mail to the station, asking if they really are now on air, and here is the answer:

ìEstimado Manuel, la transmisiÛn ya comenzÛ la semana pasada, y es mas, tuvimos un informe de reception desde Taranto-Italia. Atte. Sergio Luceroî".

They confirm that the transmission began past week and they had had a reception report from Tatanto-Italy (Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, Spain, Aug 5, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1785, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Maybe they are on local FM and assume the SW is also operational? (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1785, ibid.)

Dear Manuel, There is a big misunderstanding in the message you

received from LRA36, Radio Nacional Arc·ngel San Gabriel. The "Informe de recepcion" "desde Taranto-Italia" was sent from under-signed on 24th July 2015, but it wasn't a recent reception report but just a follow-up about a very old reception occurred on 30th March 1999 which has remained unanswered all the time.

Just to avoid any kind of discussion, I am attaching picture of "Respuesta de Radio Nacional Arc·ngel San Gabriel recibida el 30 de marzo de 1999" in other words the e-mail I received just from Sergio Lucero from which is quite evident that I didn't send a reception report about recent transmissions, which also I tried to catch but, unfortunately, without any success!

Just for sake of good order, it should be mentioned that the e-mail from Sergio Lucero was including a doc file showing a picture of Base Antartica Esperanza and the following text:

"Estimado SeÒor Antonio Napolitano: Tenemos el agrado de saludarlo y agradecerle las molestias que se ha tomado y el tiempo que ha dedicado para la escucha de nuestra Emisora radial ìLRA 36 Arc·ngel San Gabrielî. Desde el Continente Blanco ìANTARTIDA ARGENTINAî le damos un cordial saludo y un enorme agradecimiento por sus molestias. Atte: Tcnl [teniente coronel == Lt. Col.] Fernando Gabriel ESTEVEZ ñ Jefe de base Esperanza/Director de LRA 36. Sarg 1ro Sergio Alejandro LUCERO ñ Encargado de la Emisora LRA 36/Operador TÈcnico".

Last but not least, I didn't divulge any information about that e-mail correspondence between LRA36 and the undersigned because, in my opinion, their E-mail and file.doc attachment are not a true QSL. Antonio Napolitano, Taranto Italy, DXer as from 1981 (via MÈndez, ibid.)

I am DXer from 1972. My first QSL from that year. Greetings (Manuel MÈndez, ibid.)

Dear Antonelo: Thank you very much for your mail. Looks like the station staff are absolutely lost and don't know what happen in their station. I think, despite Lucero says, LRA36 is not on air now, no report from anything and I have good conditions to catch it here, but nothing all days. In the [northern!] winter months LRA36 was on air a lot of days, but I think not now. Greetings from Spain (Manuel MÈndez, Spain, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1785, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ARGENTINA. 11710.36 approx., July 31 at 0058, presumed RAE descended from usual 11710.7 area, but dead air or JBM, vs crackling spur from Brasil 11780 circa 11712. 0129, 11710.36 is still JBM during scheduled Japanese hour. If it weren`t for the spur, the lack of modulation and the language, it would have been at sufficient

listening level, tsk2.

11710.57 approx., August 1 at 0158, RAE varied again, S5 signal just barely modulated, but I think I hear an RAE ID go by.

15345.09 approx., JBA carrier, presumed R. Nacional on late weekend sked at 0133 UT Aug 2 instead of RAE 11710.4v. If this one is ever on 15345.00, it`s just a lucky coincidence; it varies quite a bit both sides. A few hours earlier, Wolfgang B¸schel pinned them: ``Radio Nacional Argentina in Spanish at 2100 UT Aug 1 on measurement 15345.154 kHz`` (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6060, RNA, 2/8 2255 UT. Relato de partido de f˙tbol, en conexiÛn con Radio Nacional Rock, con baja modulaciÛn. SINPO: 55433 (Claudio Galaz, RX: REALISTIC DX-160, ANT: 30 metros de antena de hilo, m·s 20 metros de antena de tierra y balun de ferrita 3:1, QTH: Ovalle, Chile, condiglista yg via DXLD)

11710.65, Aug 5 at 0144, RAE poor with Japanese intonation, lite crackling centered circa 11714 from RNA 11780 spur (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** AUSTRALIA. A lot of conjecture regarding the actual transmitter sites for these NBC relays via Broadcast Australia transmitters (see also 9860 and 12025 also). The only information that I have from people who might be ìin the knowî and NBC on-air announcements indicates Brandon for all three; however, I think there is now sufficient evidence to point towards Shepparton being involved as well. They say that opinions are like derriËres (i.e., everyone has got one!), so Iíll venture mine ñ which may or may not be consistent with how weíve published the resultant loggings this month.

Based on my experience of signals from these sites in the past, I would guestimate Shepparton for 6075 and 12025, Brandon for 9860. Add to the mix that some are also forgetting that the old 10 kW transmitters at Brandon were upgraded to newer units from RIZ Croatia a while back, and are in fact capable of 20 kW ñ RA just didnít utilise the full capacity when it ran via that site, so we may not have all the data points we need to be conclusive.

Maybe, also, the definitive version has been published elsewhere by now and I just havenít read it yet! ñcs (Craig Seager, August Australian DX News via DXLD)

Exactly the same conclusion I came to, based on reception quality and satellite delay on 9860 only. Also it may be easier to evaluate relative reception quality from afar than anear. None of the Aussie logs on 9860 compared the signal to 12025 for a satellite delay. Nor

did ADXN publish my reports of the satellite delay --- which everyone else has ignored, tho it is a very important datum. However, other logs in ADXN of 12025 are headed as Shepparton without further discussion (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also PNG

** AUSTRALIA [and non]. 17840, 15415, 15240, July 30 at 0530, NO signals from R. Australia; 15415 toward Asia is always weakest, but the others are regular, so all off the air? I see no propagational disturbance to account for this. By circa 1250 UT, 9580 is on as usual, and when modulation is quiet enough, can still hear the lite squeal.

17840 & 15240, July 31 at 0049, NO signals from RA, off the air again. Yet RNZI is making it at 0052 on 15720-AM, P-F S4, and 17670-17675-17680-DRM S3.

Recheck at 0131, now 17840 is ON with VG S9+ signal, squeal audible, and // VP 15240; in `Radiotonic` from RN about an ``Up Late`` 100-word essay contest. Another observation replying to my previous report:

``I usually hear Radio Australia on 17840 very reliably in the late afternoon and evening here in the Dallas, TX area, but noticed it was missing yesterday evening. It was back this afternoon [July 30] when I checked at around 2200. However, when I checked again at 2321 it was gone. No trace of a signal on my IC-7600. I found no trace of them on 15415 and 15240, either, though I very rarely hear them on either of those frequencies. RA has apparently made a change of some sort, but I couldn't find anything about it on their website. Their shortwave frequency guide shows the last change was in April. Curious if anyone has any further info. 73, Jim K5JG, Carrollton, TX``

17840 & 15240, August 2 at 0112, RA is AWOL again, and still gone at 0132; while NZ is making it on 15720 at 0112.

RA`s Ways to Listen page has Tweets on a sidebar, including this duplicated a few times:

``#raonair Twitter Radio Australia @radioaustralia Reminder: There will be a shortwave outage today between 08.15-15.00 AEST/PNG time due to maintenance. #RAOnAir Retweeted by Shauna-Marie Wilson`` et al.

Trouble is, they are all dated July 18! In real Universal time that would have been 2215 UT July 17 to 0500 UT July 18, i.e. banker`s daytime working hours except it was a Saturday.

The linked pdf SW frequency schedule still claims to have all 24 hours covered by the usual pairs of three frequencies for 12 hours each; effective since April (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Re 9580: no whistle tone heard at 2050 UT on local remote Brisbane SDR unit tonight Aug 1 (Wolfgang B¸schel, ibid.)

15240, August 2 at 0530, RA in silly ballgame involving Newcastle and/or the Dragons, // much better 17840 which is the strongest signal on band (SSOB); both of which were again absent 4 hours earlier (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Silly ball game! Newcastle v St George Dragons! Jason Nightingale and Nathan Green my boys! Renown! and we won! Come to OZ Glenn and watch the boys play....no padding mate, no helmets! No sissy stuff! Hard as teak! Good onya mate and thanks for listening! Regards (Johno Wright, LOL GRINSSSS, ARDXC via DXLD)

I can confirm that the Newcastle Knights match vs the St. George-Illawarra Dragons aired on Grandstand which I heard on 17840 and 15240, and was followed the South Sydney Rabbitohs (yes, that's spelled correctly) taking on the Penrith Panthers. I didn't get to hear the second half of the Souths' win because both frequencies faded at around 0630. 17840 is on par or sometimes better than 15515 used to be on the weekends, but 15240 seems to be weaker than it has been over the years (Sounds and Sports, real name and location unknown, Aug 4, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Smax of Robin K DeSantos, Aussie rules FB fan/promoter in the US, but not the email we have for him (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Re: R. Australia: I heard them later the same evening: http://swldx.tumblr.com/post/125652594217/radio-australia-0538-2-aug-2015

17840, 0532 2 AUG - RADIO AUSTRALIA in ENGLISH from SHEPPARTON VIC., SINPO = 35333, play by play Australian football, New Castle Knights vs. ? Dragons. (// 15240 sinpo 45434 100 kw beamAz 30). sf102.8, a10, k4, geomag: active. 100 kw, beamAz 70deg, bearing 243deg. Sangean ATS505 with Kaito KA33 in west facing window. Received at Las Vegas, United States, 13008 km from transmitter at Shepparton VIC. Local time: 2232 (Rodney Johnson, NV, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BAHRAIN. BAHREIN. Grosse Freude auf Menorca. Nach einem Empfangsbericht 2012 (9745 kHz) und einem email-f/up im August 2014 ist heute die ersehnte Best‰tigung als eQSL eingetroffen. F¸r alle, die es mal versuchen wollen: v/s fatima.amin [at] iaa.gov.bh

Fatima Amin, General Directorate of Technical and Technology Affairs, Directorate of Transmission & outside Broadcast. Information Affairs Authority, P.O.Box 33766, Manama, Kˆnigreich Bahrain (Michael Haun, Spain, via A-DX via SW Bulletin Aug 2 via DXLD; also via BC-DX)

** BELARUS. 11730, Radio Belarus (presumed). 2241-2300* 29/6, decent signal but little or no audio heard (doesnít anyone at the station ever check to see if the product is being heard?) until carrier was terminated at 2300. One of the more frustrating stations to attempt to listen to these days (Rich D'Angelo, Wyomissing, PA, U.S.A. (Ten-Tec RX-340, Drake R-8B, Eton E1, Eton E5, Alpha Delta DX Sloper, RF Systems Mini-Windom, Datong FL3, JPS ANC-4, August Australian DX News via DXLD)

[same], English service at 2145 with a program of folk music, fair to poor signal on 15/7 (Rob Wagner, VK3BVW, Mount Evelyn, VIC, Yaesu FTDX 3000, Kenwood TS2000, Yaesu FRG100, Sangean ATS909, Double Bazooka antennas for 80 and 40 m, Par EF-SWL End Fed antenna, BHI NEIM1031 Digital Noise Eliminating Module, MFJ-1026 Noise Cancelling Module, ATU, August Australian DX News via DXLD)

** BOLIVIA. Here are station ID's of all the Medium Wave radio stations which were on the air in La Paz/El Alto, Bolivia, in late January 2014. All but one - which remained unidentified. (Frequencies are to the nearest 10 kHz)

<https://soundcloud.com/stig-hartvig-nielsen/la-paz-am-dial>

580 Radio Panamericana, La Paz
620 Radio San Gabriel, El Alto
650 Radiodif. IntegraciÛn, El Alto
680 Andina, La Paz
700 Radio Pacha Kamasa, El Alto
720 Radio La Cruz del Sur, La Paz
740 Radio Pueblo de Dios (sounded like ëTu Radio ñ Fuego de Diosí)
760 Radio Fides, La Paz
800 Radio Play, La Paz
820 Radio Altiplano Advenir, La Paz
840 Radio Atipiri, El Alto
880 Nueva Radio Jacha, El Alto
900 Sistema Nacional de CommunicaciÛn/La Popular, La Paz.
920 Radio Bartolina Sisa, El Alto
940 Radio Metropolitana, La Paz
980 Radio Mar, La Paz
1000 Radio Taypi ñ Mil AM, La Paz
1020 Red Patria Nueva, La Paz
1060 Radio Presencia de Dios ñ Ministerio de Evangelismo, La Paz
1100 Universal Radio Conciencia, El Alto
1120 Radio Celestial, El Alto
1160 Radio Continental, La Paz
1180 Radio La Voz de Dios
1200 Radio Carlos Palenque, La Paz

1220 Radio Nueva Splendid, La Paz
1260 Radioemisoras Unidas
1300 Radio Sol ñ Poder de Dios, El Alto
1360 Radio Cor-dial, El Alto
1400 Radio Nacional de Bolivia, La Paz
1420 Radio Creo en Milagros, La Paz
1440 Radio BatallÛn Colorados, La Paz
1480 Radio Amor de DiÛs, El Alto
1520 Radio La Luz del Tiempo, El Alto
1540 Radio Bendita Trinidad y Espirito Santo, El Alto
1560 Radio Luz de Mundo, La Paz
1580 Radio El Fuego del EspÌritu Santo, El Alto
1600 La Voz del EspÌritu Santo, El Alto

Also some FM-stations from La Paz and El Alto here. This is no way complete, but just a selection of stations heard in late January 2014: <https://soundcloud.com/stig-hartvig-nielsen/la-paz-fm-dial>

87.5 Radio Fejuve, El Alto
87.7 Unid station with ad's for ëMovimientos Socialesí
88.1 Comercio 88.1, El Alto
88.5 Doble 8
88.9 Radio Gente
89.3 El Sonido de la Vida
89.7 Salesiana
89.9 Concierto FM
95.5 Radio Fiesta, La Paz (Gone now. Radio Show is now here in 2015)
96.1 Radio Panamericana
96.5 EstaciÛn SureÒa
96.7 FM La Paz
97.3 Stereo 97
97.7 Radio Las Vegas
97.9 Radio Mundial 97.9 ñ la radio total
98.2 Radio San Gabriel 98.2 ñ tu radio a todo colÛr
98.5 Radio Show, La Paz (now on 95.5 MHz)
98.8 RestauraciÛn FM
99.1 MelodÌa 99.1 ñ la major Radio Latina
99.4 Radio FedecomÌn - tu radio minera
99.7 Christo Viene La Red
100.3 Radio Mar
100.6 ConstelaciÛn FM
100.9 Erbol - Radio San Miguel
101.5 Radio Fides
101.8 Huayna Tambo, El Alto
102.1 BBN
102.4 CTNK 102.4 Red Zonica
102.7 Radio Disney
103.0 Lealtad 103 FM, La Paz

103.3 Deseo 103.3, La Paz
104.8 Frequencia Militar Latina 104.8
105.7 CVC La Voz
106.3 Radio CompaÒera
106.6 Radio Maria
106.9 RFI Radio France Internacional
107.5 Radio Play //800 kHz

For the record - here are the frequency lists ñ including accurate MW-frequencies (when measured) and including FM-stations not identified or not recorded. Most of it is similar to what I have posted previously - but a couple of stations were later identified by Henrik Klemetz.

580	Radio Panamericana, La Paz
620	Radio San Gabriel, El Alto
650	Radiodif. IntegraciÛn, El Alto
680	Andina, La Paz
700	Radio Pacha Kamasa, El Alto
720	Radio La Cruz del Sur, La Paz
739.85	Radio Pueblo de Dios (or Tu Radio ñ Fuego de Dios)
760	Radio Fides, La Paz
800	Radio Play, La Paz
820	Radio Altiplano Advenir, La Paz
840	Radio Atipiri, El Alto
880.1	Nueva Radio Jacha, El Alto
900	Sistema Nacional de CommunicaciÛn/La Popular, La Paz.
920	Radio Bartolina Sisa, El Alto
940	Radio Metropolitana, La Paz
961.4	Unid. station (no ID)
980	Radio Mar, La Paz
1000	Radio Taypi ñ Mil AM, La Paz
1020	Red Patria Nueva, La Paz
1059.9	Radio Presencia de Dios ñ Ministerio de Evangelismo, La Paz
1100	Universal Radio Conciencia, El Alto
1120.05	Radio Celestial, El Alto
1160	Radio Continental, La Paz
1180	Radio La Voz de Dios
1200	Radio Carlos Palenque, La Paz
1220	Radio Nueva Splendid, La Paz
1260.1	Radioemisoras Unidas
1300	Radio Sol ñ Poder de Dios, El Alto
1360	Radio Cor-dial, El Alto
1400	Radio Nacional de Bolivia, La Paz
1420.3	Radio Creo en Milagros, La Paz

1440	Radio BatallÛn Colorados, La Paz
1480.05	Radio Amor de DiÛs, El Alto
1520.3	Radio La Luz del Tiempo, El Alto
1540.25	R Bendita Trinidad y Espirito Santo, El Alto
1559.55	Radio Luz de Mundo, La Paz
1580	Radio El Fuego del EspÌritu Santo, El Alto
1600.1	La Voz del EspÌritu Santo, El Alto

87.5	Radio Fejuve, El Alto
87.7	Unid. station
87.9	Unid. station
88.1	Comercio 88.1, El Alto
88.5	Doble 8
88.9	Radio Gente
89.3	El Sonido de la Vida
89.5	La Bruja (tent.)
89.7	Salesiana
89.9	Concierto FM
90.1	Unid. religious station. Preaching
90.7	Panamericana Cl·sica 90.7 ñ tent. - classical music
91.0	Unid. station
91.3	Radio Ciudad
91.6	Radio Impacto
91.9	Unid. station
92.2	Unid. station
92.5	Estelar
92.8	Angora
93.1	…xito FM
93.7	Chacaltaya
94.0	ëSensacion ñ de buena saborí (tent.)
94.3	Red Patria Nueva
94.6	La Voz de la Esperanza
94.9	Unid. station
95.2	Radio La Cruz del Sur
95.5	Radio Fiesta, La Paz (closed now in 2014/15? Radio Show now on 95.5 MHz)
95.8	Unid. station
96.1	Radio Panamericana
96.5	EstaciÛn SureÒa
96.7	FM La Paz
97.3	Stereo 97
97.7	Radio Las Vegas
97.9	Radio Mundial 97.9 ñ la radio total
98.2	Radio San Gabriel 98.2 tu radio a todo colÛr
98.5	Radio Show, La Paz (now on 95.5 MHz)
98.8	RestauraciÛn FM
99.1	MelodÌa 99.1 ñ la major Radio Latina

99.4	Radio FedecomÌn - tu radio minera
99.7	Christo Viene La Red
100.3	Radio Mar
100.6	ConstelaciÛn FM
100.9	Erbol - Radio San Miguel
101.5	Radio Fides
101.8	Huayna Tambo, El Alto
102.1	BBN
102.4	CTNK 102.4 Red Zonica
102.7	Radio Disney
103.0	Lealtad 103 FM, La Paz
103.3	Deseo 103.3, La Paz
103.6	Unid. station
103.9	Unid. station
104.2	Radio …xitos
104.5	RQP
104.7	Radio Llovizna, La Paz (tent.)
104.8	Frequencia Militar Latina 104.8
105.1	Unid. station
105.4	Radio Qhana ñ (tent). In September 2014 Radio Qhana moved to 98.5 MHz.
105.7	CVC La Voz
106.3	Radio CompaÒera
106.6	Radio Maria
106.9	RFI Radio France Internacional
107.2	Unid. station
107.5	Radio Play //800 kHz
107.8	Radio Admirable (tent.)
108.0	Radio IndependÈncia [sic; not Portuguese?]

Best 73's (Stig Hartvig Nielsen, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

** BOLIVIA. 3310, Jul 23, 0045 Radio Mosoj Chaski, Cochabamba, Bolivien. Ein Mitschnitt der das hier geschriebene exakt reproduziert nun in meinem Blog http://remotedx.wordpress.com (Christoph Ratzer, SW Bulletin Aug 2 via DXLD)

** BOLIVIA. 5952.446, CP60 Emisora Pio XII, time announcement in Spanish at 1042 UT Aug 5th. Excellent S=7-8 signal noted in Edmonton Alberta SDR unit (Wolfgang B¸schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Aug 5, dxldyg via DXLD)

** BOLIVIA. 6025, RED PATRIA NUEVA. 31/7 0003 UT. Avisos de polÌticas sociales agrÌcolas, de lÌnea gratuita de atenciÛn del Estado Plurinacional y de la demanda marÌtima a Chile. SINPO: 43443 con QRM de R. MartÌ desde 6030 (Claudio Galaz, RX: Realistic DX-160. Ant: Hilo 30 metros m·s 20 metros de antena de tierra. QTH: Ovalle, Chile, condiglista yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1785, DXLD)

6025, August 1 at 0110, JBA carrier on the FRG-7 squeezed between jamming/MartÌ 6030 and CRI/Albania 6020; and at 0147 also JBAC on the NRD-545. According to Aoki, the only station anywhen anywhere on 6025 is R. Illimani, 10 kW ND La Paz, Bolivia, 0930-0400 in Spanish/Aymara a.k.a. Red Patria Nueva, 0930-0300 in WRTH; but I would prefer a little modulation which would be more likely at 0930. However, HFCC A-15 has five stations on 6025! All imaginary/inactive? Only one at this hour, Lhasa which would be post-sunrise (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1785, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Here in the middle of Europe, CRI/Albania on 6020 is very strong until 0400. After its close down, Red Patria Nueva BOL on 6025 can be heard quite well but only sometimes; sometimes it is already off. Its close down time is very irregular - before 0400 or between 0400-0430 (Karel HonzÌk, Czechia, August 2, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via WORLD OF RADIO 1785, DXLD)

** BOLIVIA. AdiÛs al impulsor de Panamericana
[6105; original with several embedded linx: death of station founder]
http://www.opinion.com.bo/opinion/articulos/2015/0802/noticias.php?id=167384

La radiodifusiÛn boliviana est· de luto. El fundador de Radio Panamericana, Miguel Dueri AntÛn MarÌa, falleciÛ el 30 de julio, vÌctima de un paro cardÌaco.

Dueri naciÛ en 1926, en BelÈn, ciudad palestina de Cisjordania. LlegÛ a La Paz a los 20 aÒos y abriÛ un bazar. a la vez de formar parte de la Orquesta SinfÛnica Nacional de Bolivia, tocando violÌn.

Luego fundÛ Discolandia. ComenzÛ como importador de discos en 1958, para luego incursionar en la producciÛn musical. Cinco aÒos despuÈs Dueri inaugurÛ su f·brica de discos e impulsÛ a grupos como El TrÌo Oriental, Los Cantores del Valle y FermÌn Barrionuevo, entre otros. GrabÛ a los Hermanos Arriaga e invitÛ a Bolivia a famosos intÈrpretes como Palito Ortega, Leo Dan, Libertad Lamarque, Los Panchos, Charles Aznavour y Miguel Aceves MejÌa.

En 1972 nace Radio Panamericana, donde Dueri marca un estilo en la radiodifusiÛn con sus comentarios de coyuntura en el programa dominical ìSiempre en Domingoî.

La radioemisora promoviÛ, desde su creaciÛn, la difusiÛn de m˙sica nacional y cl·sica. La audiencia se sintiÛ cautivada por el nuevo estilo de hacer radio. Una de las caracterÌsticas de Panamericana, que marcÛ Època, fue la incorporaciÛn de innovaciones tecnolÛgicas, asÌ como la integraciÛn con cadenas internacionales como RCN, la Cadena Solar Latinoamericana y CNN. Hoy Radio Panamericana est· a la

vanguardia en tecnologÌa con sistemas de satÈlite, real audio de internet, procesadores digitales de emisiÛn y audio, lo que se complementa con la tradicional potencia y alcance de sus transmisores de onda corta, amplitud modulada y frecuencia modulada.

Radio Panamericana fue silenciada temporalmente el aÒo 80, durante la dictadura de Luis GarcÌa Meza.

Dueri fue presidente de la AsociaciÛn Boliviana de Radio (Asbora) y modelo de empresario, pues incursionÛ en innumerables emprendimientos como la hotelerÌa y la piscicultura [fish-raising]. En el campo polÌtico, cumpliÛ la funciÛn de embajador de Bolivia en los emiratos ¡rabes en 1997. Dueri estuvo muy relacionado a Cochabamba, pues su esposa Miriam Saba radicaba en Cochabamba antes de casarse.

La historia de Dueri es conmovedora. Su aporte a la cultura, a la m˙sica y otros fue muy valioso. øQuiÈn en Bolivia no escuchÛ o escucha Radio Panamericana?

Posted by: (JOSE MIGUEL ROMERO ROMERO, Aug 3, dxldyg via DXLD)

** BOLIVIA. 6135. R. SANTA CRUZ, 3/8 1027 UT. ExposiciÛn acerca de las teorÌas del poblamiento americano y el desarrollo de un mÛdulo escolar. SINPO: 44444 con leve heterodino de R. Aparecida de Brasil (Claudio Galaz, RX: REALISTIC DX-160, ANT: 30 metros de antena de hilo, m·s 20 metros de antena de tierra y balun de ferrita 3:1, QTH: Ovalle, Chile, condiglista yg via DXLD)

** BOLIVIA [and non]. /CHINA two station heard on 6155 kHz at 1030 UT in Alberta Canada. Even frequency CNR2 program from Beijing #491 site. But on DARKZONE morning path from Bolivia heard stronger - probably - CP12 Radio Fides, La Paz in Spanish, on exact 6155.140 kHz, S=6 in Alberta CAN remote SDR unit (Wolfgang B¸schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Aug 5, dxldyg via DXLD)

** BRAZIL. 4740 kHz, Harmonico Radio Laguna - Jardim MS, 3 X 1580 kHz = 4740 kHz, m˙sica, 2205 UT 02/08, SINPO 35333
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DBPRn8YiPtg&feature=youtu.be
RX: Tecsun S-2000 Antenna: Long wire 400 Meters (Daniel Wyllyans, Nova Xavantina MT Brazil, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via WORLD OF RADIO 1785, DXLD)

I`ll bet most of us haven`t a clue how far apart these two towns are.
Distance calculator
http://www.distancefromto.net/
comes up with it immediately:
858 km = 533 statute miles, along with a map. I just entered the town names and state abbrs., without Brasil (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF

RADIO 1785, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. 5939.719, R·dio Voz Mission·ria, weak tiny S=4-5 signal at 0618 UT.

6040.861, one of the stronger Brazilians in 49mb, S=6-7 signal from RB2 R·dio Clube Paranense, Curitiba, at 0622 UT.

[and non]. 6090, Caribbean Beacon radio signal from Anguilla is the strongest here at 0624 UT. Female prayer likely Melissa Scott? Phone number given at 0626 UT. But also two "co-channel BUZZ signals" seen and heard on the lower sideband. Weaker Brazilian 6089.962 probably of R·dio Bandeirantes, and little stronger Radio Nigeria Kaduna on 6089.855 kHz at 0629 UT.

6135.239, R·dio Aparecida, ZYE954 from Aparecida, S=7-8 strong powerful modulation at 0630 UT.

6159.954, Very UNSTABLE signal, one of the Brazilians here on this channel. Likely ZYE245 R·dio Rio Mar? from Manaus AM. Hops always some Hertz 'up and down'. At 0635 UT on Aug 5 (Wolfgang B¸schel, Log 06-07 UT Aug 5, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[and non] Hello Wolfgang. The situation here is a little confusing. Boa Vontade is the one on the low side of 6160. Drifting around a bit, sometimes below CKZN and sometimes just above. Rio Mar is the one on 6160.08 closing one hour earlier (around 2100) than Boa Vontade (sign off normally 2159). 73 (Thomas Nilsson, Sweden, via B¸schel, DXLD)

6159.958, Jul 28 -2159*, Tentative Boa Vontade now observed on the low side of CKZN on 6159.963. Seems to drift downwards as observed on 6159.947 on July 30 with sign off 2159. Too weak to get audio. (TN)

6160.068, Jul 30 -2145*, Tentative R Rio Mar strongest signal ever here. Weak audio noted this time. Signed off at 2103 on July 23 and at 2059 on July 26. See some screenshots below for Boa Vontade and Rio Mar during observation the last days (Thomas Nilsson, ƒngelholm, Sweden, SW Bulletin Aug 2 via DXLD)

6160 kHz, 11895 kHz e 9550 kHz, Super R·dio Boa Vontade, Porto Alegre, RS, Brazil, m˙sica no estilo catÛlica e YL cxs [coment·rios?] sobre as escolhas, depois OM slogan: ``Super Rede Boa Vontade``. Sinpo 6160 kHz 25222; sinpo 11895 kHz 45444; e 9550 kHz sinpo 22122 ‡s 2118 UT.

Legi„o da Boa Vontade LBV, foi fundada por Alziro Elias Davi Abra„o Zarur, nascido no dia 25 de dezembro de 1914. Apesar de ser filho de catÛlicos ortodoxos, Alziro Zarur considerava-se a reencarnaÁ„o de Allan Kardec.

Hippolyte LÈon Denizard Rivail Lyon, 3 de outubro de 1804 ó Paris, 31 de marÁo de 1869 foi um influente educador, autor e tradutor francÍs. Sob o pseudÙnimo de Allan Kardec, notabilizou-se como o codificadornota do Espiritismo, neologismo por ele criado, tambÈm denominado de Doutrina EspÌrita.

DW => Portanto n„o confudir, as m˙sicas deles ``parecem`` mais como catÛlicos, pois os fundadores, Íles foram filhos de catÛlicos, e adotaram, fundaram, a ``doutrina espirita`` que crer em reecarnaÁ„o e segue os livros de Alan Kardec, chegam a falar em Jesus MAS n„o s„o evagÈlicos e a base gospel do Brasil pois Ístes seguem a bÌblia sagrada e doutrinas de Jesus. 08/04/2015
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=57Wn_teYbFA&feature=youtu.be
RX: Tecsun S-2000 Antenna: Long wire 400 Meters (Daniel Wyllyans, Nova Xavantina MT, Brazil, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

** BRAZIL. 11815, August 2 at 0523 tune-in, immediate ID for R·dio Brasil Central, TC for 2:22, back to music. No crackling spur circa 11814 from RNA/RNB 11780; instead the fundamental is splashing out to ~20 kHz, far enough away from RBC [this time!].

11814, August 3 at 0516, the spurcrap out of 11780 RNA/RNB has developed a new sound, in addition to the ``crackle``: now there is also more readable modulation/squealing at peaks; atop 11815 RBC, and same appearing circa 11746, 11712, and barely 11678, i.e. ~34 kHz intervals.

11813, August 4 at 0142, same enhanced spursound allows closer estimation of center frequency, way over 11815 [not 11825 typo in original] RBC carrier; also circa 11747, and litely circa 11714 vs ARGENTINA, q.v., ~33 kHz intervals (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. 11855.41 approx., August 1 at 0202, Brazuguese talk, S5 from R. Aparecida.
11855 [not measured this time], August 2 at 0526, R. Aparecida, poor with 2:26 timecheck (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA. CFCW 790 Camrose, Alberta, Canada Moving on August 1 --- CFCW 790 Camrose, Alberta, Canada moves to 840 kHz at 8:40 pm Mountain time tonight (Paul Walker, #flipto840cfcw August 1, IRCA via DXLD)
0240 UT Aug 2 (gh)

The frequency flip was interesting to listen to, and had some hiccups. Took them about 15 minutes to get everything sorted out. The new signal is very strong here (Chris VE6IY near Edmonton, AB, Dorn, 0312 UT Aug 2, ibid.)

I was listening on the stream, which appears to be fed from an off-air receiver. The 790 signal sounded a little anemic before the flip, and then the stream was a mess until just before 9 PM MT, when it cleared up. I'd love to hear an off-air recording of the flip from Chris or anyone else who might have been listening in the area! (Scott Fybush, Rochester NY, ibid.)

Yes, interesting and certainly not a smooth transition. All recorded spectrally by the Perseus. Mainly an audio feedback issue somewhere; they dropped the carrier several times during which the Washington station was just audible, but we are still an hour or so away from sunset at the 8:40 pm MDT switchover. Anyway, seems to be working well enough past 9 pm. They had been on reduced power on 790 during the construction and their signal measured -52 dbm before the switch and -42 dbm after the switch. That equates to a 1:10 ratio such as 5 kW vs 50 kW. I am about 90 km north (actually 5 degrees) of the transmitter site while Chris is roughly the same distance but at 330 degrees. At the time of switch they were the 5th strongest signal here after 630 740 880 and 930. A very tight spectrum roughly +- 8 kHz with no splatter (not like 880!). 73 (Don VE6JY Moman, AB, ibid.)

I'd hoped to listen live here, but was out later than I expected, not getting back until 9:15 MT. Might not have mattered, as the signal isn't overly impressive here, with lots of KXNT [Nevada] QRM. Might be conditions, as none of the Edmonton area stations seem to be doing much here tonight. 73, (Nigel Pimblett, Dunmore, Alberta, ibid.)

** CANADA. Mark Starowicz Leaving CBC --- items I found on Usenet:

Veteran CBC executive producer Mark Starowicz, the creative force behind Canada: A Peopleís History and shows like As It Happens and The Journal, is leaving the public broadcaster after 45 years.

But Starowicz, 68, isnít planning to retire; heís simply pursuing a second career as an independent producer. . .

http://www.thestar.com/entertainment/television/2015/07/30/veteran-producer-mark-starowicz-leaving-cbc.html
[also via Mike Cooper, WORLD OF RADIO 1785, DXLD)

http://www.theglobeandmail.com/arts/books-and-media/long-time-executive-mark-starowicz-leaving-cbc/article25770746/

73s (Bernhard M. Jatzeck VA6BMJ @ DO33FL, Aug 2, WORLD OF RADIO 1785, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

MARK STAROWICZ, THE LAST OF CBC'S GREAT DOCUMENTARIANS, ROLLS THE

CREDITS --- by Simon Houpt The Globe and Mail

http://www.theglobeandmail.com/arts/books-and-media/mark-starowicz-the-last-of-cbcs-great-documentarians-rolls-the-credits/article25794506/
(via Jatzeck and Mike Cooper, Aug 5, WORLD OF RADIO 1785, DXLD)
Also deals with the depressing situation at CBC in general (gh, DXLD)

** CANADA. Now at 1015 UT on Aug 5th, noted footprint 6159.975 kHz as local CKZU Vancouver main lowland broadcaster, when checked remote Perseus Vancouver SDR set. S=9+25dB powerful local signal. Discussion of anti-Doping code, difficults on NBA and other sportive people to protect against doping (Wolfgang B¸schel, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) cf BRAZIL

Since ``footprint`` is already in use to refer to satellite coverage areas on Earth, I have suggested that ``fingerprint`` would be more appropriate in this context, i.e. an exact frequency assisting identification (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

** CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC. Ongoing research about MW in Africa, found two documents online regarding the status of 1440 Radio Centrafrique in Central African Republic.

Situation of radio stations as of 23 Mar 2014 map (pdf)
http://reliefweb.int/map/central-african-republic/central-african-republic-situation-radio-stations-23-mar-2014
indicates FM only.

Radio Centrafrique: Institutional and Technical Assessment (pdf)
http://www.internews.org/sites/default/files/resources/Internews_Radio_Centrafrique_assessment_ENG_2014-07.PDF
May 2014, reports that the MW and SW transmitters were stolen by Seleka militia in March 2013.

2015 WRTH indicates planned return of 1440 MW in 2015, but I'm unable to find evidence online of any progress (Bruce Conti, NH, mwmasts yg via DXLD)

** CHILE. 7550-AM. RCW, 31/7 0126 UT. M˙sica del recuerdo y noticias de Radio Francia Internacional en castellano. SINPO: 35222 (Claudio Galaz, RX: Realistic DX-160. Ant: Hilo 30 metros m·s 20 metros de antena de tierra. QTH: Ovalle, Chile, condiglista yg via DXLD) pirate

** CHINA [and non]. 13920, August 2 at 1247, CNR1 jammer in drama, poor with flutter; none in the 12s, 14s, 16s, 17s, but about same poor level on 15250 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

CHINA/MYANMAR/TAIWAN, 7200v Bad mixture signals here, heard in Alberta

and Nagoya Japan. Checked at 1107 UT on Aug 5, flute and drums 'tsching - beng' jamming, low level FIREDRAKE music against Radio Taiwan International, S=9+10dB strongest station, jamming music orchestra identified on 7199.989 kHz (Wolfgang B¸schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Aug 5, dxldyg via DXLD)

7385, August 5 at 1329, Firedragon! musical jamming, fair signal mixed with Chinese, // 11785 at 1341 which is probably CNR1 jamming rather than the targets

13920, August 5 at 1355, CNR1 jammer, poor; no others found OOB 12-19 MHz (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA. 6114.970 footprint, S=9+10dB signal in Vancouver remote unit, fluttery of Voice of Strait, Amoy, Fuzhou station program, scheduled 1000-1600 UT, noted at 1024 UT on Aug 5th.

7419.984 Station PBS Nei Menggu in Chinese, logged at 1053 UT at S=5 level in Alberta CANADA (Wolfgang B¸schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Aug 5, dxldyg via DXLD)

** CHINA [and non]. CHINA/KOREA D.P.R./VIETNAM, 7220v, Very bad multi stations mixture signal heard in Alberta Canada. In 1057-1101 UT transmission end/pause/start slot, various CRI/CNR and French La Voix du CorÈe, Kujang, also on upper flank side Voice of Vietnam, Son Tay site in Chinese, latter on 7220.049 kHz. Checked also in Australia and Nagoya Japan remote sites (Wolfgang B¸schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Aug 5, dxldyg via DXLD)

Commies vs Commies vs Commies! (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA. 17660, July 30 at 1314, no signal from the CNR-8 minority service in Korean, which had been a regular with remarkably good signal. Aoki shows this lasted only a sesquimonth from June 1 to July 15, and the site was never determined, but I think probably in SE China. Propagation still degraded, but the East Turkistanis are again audible poorly on 17560, 17630, 17650 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA [non]. 13740, July 30 at 1404, fair signal with very multi-tonal Chinese dialect, sounds quite different than Standard Mandarin with only 4 tones. Aoki shows it`s Cantonese, RFA via TINIAN, Tue/Thu only at 1400-1500, and this is Thursday. Supposed to be *jammed, but none heard. Fortunately, Habana has just finished with 13740 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA [non?]. 17560, July 31 at 0052, one weak S3 station in Chinese --- probably CNR1 jamming rather than target VOA Chinese this

daily hour only, 349 degrees via Tinang, Philippines. {About the only signal on band, with 17840 Australia absent} (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA [non]. See MONACO

** CHINA. RE: my log - "6075, CNR1, 1445, July 29. . . Heard CNR1 with almost fair reception with talking in Chinese; also there was clearly another weaker station underneath playing music and with talk, which sounded Asian (RTI?). So which is it - CNR1 jamming the UNID station or is it a mixing product of 6125 & 6175?"

Thanks to Mauno Ritola for the reminder that in fact after 1400, RTI is scheduled to be on 6075, along with CNR1 jamming. I should have remembered to double check Aoki database or I would have seen this before posting my question.

So to recap 6075 reception - Pre-1400 is probably transmitter mixing product of 6125 & 6175, resulting in a weak CNR1 signal, while post-1400 has a stronger, deliberate jamming CNR1 signal mixing with RTI (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, E1 & CR-1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA. QSL-cards received from the Russian edition of the China Radio International. 8 ???? [June? Month in Cyrillic] 2015/11875, 13540 kHz. The card from the series The Great Family of the Chinese Nation. Kazak ethnic minority group. 56 - 05. e-mail: cirrus @ mail.ru (Anatoly Klepov, Moscow, Russia, RusDX 2 August via DXLD)

?? 13540 is out of band, and unlikely except if it were a jammer; a typo, yours or theirs? (gh, DXLD)

** CONGO. Rep., 6115, R Congo, Brazzaville (presumed), 1650, Aug 02, French, time check and Afro beat songs, tiny signal, 25322. French news was not heard at 1800-1830 (Rumen Pankov, Sofia, Bulgaria, DSWCI DX Window August 5 via DXLD)

** CRIMEA. Radio ìMoreî ("Sea") has started broadcasting in Crimea. Radio "More" symbolically began broadcasting in Simferopol, Sevastopol and Kerch, July 27 - Day of the Navy of Russia. This Kryminformu the chief editor of the ANO "SEC" Crimea "Vadim top.

According to him, the day of the launch of ether listeners waited unexpected program. "In the studio of radio" More "was a real live famous Crimean groups. The sounds of guitar and harp voices diluted the most cheerful DJs, - he said. - Characteristically, leading, following the general style of "waves", dressed in vest and air studio "sea" now adorns the real flag of St. Andrew."

First Vadim said that the radio will broadcast in Simferopol at a frequency of 100.6 FM, in Sevastopol - on 90.4 FM, Kerch - at 100.3 FM. "In our plans - expansion of coverage, covering the whole of the Crimea", - he added.

According to the chief editor of the dispenser, the content of the radio station is designed for the widest audience. "Radio will be interesting to all - visitors and residents of the Crimea Peninsula. In the program, telling about the Crimea and the "show" its spectacular beauty, - he said. - It is noteworthy that the greetings and congratulations can be transmitted every hour, which creates a feeling of endless holiday."

Radio station also provides novostiynye issues. "At the beginning of each hour news broadcast, which is also very different from what can be heard in other broadcast stations. 100 seconds, only the most important information, without further ado, and the details, "- said the first.

The team of "Sea" work not only well-known Crimean leaders - Vyacheslav Petrov, Peter Sinitsyn, Julia Paradise, Jack Gutenko other, but who came from St. Petersburg Marina Belkin.

Radio "More" is part of the ANO "SEC" Crimea", along with the TV channel "First Crimea" and "Crimea 24", as well as radio stations, "Crimea" and "Krym.Tochka." c-inform.info (OnAir.ru via RusDX [sic] 2 August via DXLD)

** CUBA [and non]. 590, August 1 at 0208, operatic solo by YL from NW/SE, 0212 brief Spanish announcement and more aria; must be R. Musical Nacional, and wow, no problem from Omaha, or Pueblo for that matter. WRTH shows CMBF, 25 kW at La Julia MB. Parallel IDing is not an option with the *only* other CMBF listed in WRTH on 1140. Website http://cmbfradio.cu mentions only 590 AM and 99.1 FM --- surely as serious/classical music network it`s mostly on FM ``tiny Caribbean`` island-wide? Sked chex,
http://www.cmbfradio.cu/programacion.php?day=viernes&id=9
with `La Opera` at 2200-2228 EDT Fridays. And two hours later `A Coro`, which I don`t think is Arnie singing! They also claim to stream on Audio Real which launches as Windows Media, just as mixed up as RHC with its constant plugs for Real Audio (not). Indeed I try that:
mms://media.enet.cu/radiomusicalnacional
at 0442 and do hear choral music at only 32 kbps. Back to hi-fi/stereo KUSP I always listen to UT Saturdays 03-05 for `On Site` starting with local classical performances including the Carmel Bach Festival and the Cabrillo New Music Festival (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1785, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA [and non]. 11775, August 1 at 0200, regular Cuban pulse jamming can be detected in the heavy sideband splash of 11780 RNA/RNB Brasil which however, is not putting out the usual further spurs. R. MartÌ has not used 11775 for several years now, but the DentroCuban Jamming Command doesn`t know or doesn`t care. Maybe one residual transmitter, as I don`t notice it when Anguilla or WHRI are running on 11775 earlier (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Radio MartÌ y su efecto jaqueca... Fuente: http://www.martinoticias.com/content/radio-marti-un-dolor-de-cabeza-para-los-castro/94699.html

Cuba / 30 aÒos con Radio MartÌ: Un dolor de cabeza para los Castro

La emisora ha propinado durante 30 aÒos los m·s decisivos golpes al rÈgimen cubano y ha apoyado el fortalecimiento de la prensa independiente dentro de la Isla.

Damas de Blanco en el programa Cuba al DÌa.
Roberto Jes˙s QuiÒones Haces, mayo 20, 2015 [caption]

Recuerdo aquella tarde de mayo en 1985 cuando por primera vez escuchÈ al trÌo Hermanas MartÌ cantar el tema que identificaba a la emisora. Creada por el Gobierno de Ronald Reagan en uno de los momentos m·s crÌticos de la Guerra FrÌa, calÛ muy pronto en los cubanos como una fuente alternativa al fÈrreo monopolio informativo del castro-comunismo.

Hoy, 20 de mayo del 2015, Radio MartÌ cumple 30 aÒos. Desde su salida al aire, fue objeto de acerbos ataques que trataron de disminuir su importancia. El propio lÌder del rÈgimen castrista protagonizÛ varias perretas televisivas al denostar contra ella desde su omnipresente sitial tribunicio y, ante su creciente influjo, creÛ un cuerpo de ingenieros para obstaculizar la difusiÛn de su seÒal, como luego harÌa con TV MartÌ, algo que dice mucho sobre el nivel de tolerancia y libertad del rÈgimen.

A pesar de los millones que el rÈgimen ha gastado para impedir que la emisora penetre en el paÌs, de la andanada propagandÌstica y del cabildeo polÌtico que ha lanzado contra Washington usando a sus testaferros en el norte, la emisora contin˙a siendo escuchada y varios de sus espacios de debate son perseguidos cotidianamente por miles de cubanos.

Una consecuencia de la ineficacia del periodismo "revolucionario"

Si Radio MartÌ existe se debe a la ineficacia del periodismo

oficialista, a su incapacidad para abordar libremente y sin miedo la realidad nacional. Si existe, se debe al servilismo de esa prensa mal llamada "revolucionaria" pues en realidad es sumamente conservadora, a sus an·lisis edulcorados y vulgares que irrespetan al lector pues siempre lo colocan en una posiciÛn de insuficiencia intelectual, a su tendencia a la manipulaciÛn de las noticias y a ocultar la parte de la verdad que al rÈgimen no le conviene exponer.

Si en Cuba hubiera existido una prensa realmente revolucionaria ñ calificativo que indudablemente asume la objetividad y la libertad de crÌtica a todo y a todos como premisas ñ ni Radio MartÌ ni la prensa independiente gozarÌan del respaldo y prestigio que hoy tienen, cada vez m·s creciente.

Es m·s, nunca habrÌan existido. Radio MartÌ y el periodismo independiente existen porque se retroalimentan con los sucesos, temas y preocupaciones que la prensa oficialista obvia pero inciden en la inmensa mayorÌa de los cubanos, quienes, ante tanto aplazamiento vergonzoso de la soluciÛn de problemas cardinales est·n hartos de que se les presenten como grandes reportajes trabajos referidos a la mala calidad del pan, las deficiencias del transporte p˙blico, los baches en las calles, los cumplimientos de planes productivos que sÛlo existen en la prensa oficialista, los altos precios de los productos de primera necesidad o el retraso de las inversiones sin que jam·s esos periodistas del Gobierno revelen las esencias de estos fenÛmenos y sus principales responsables.

Radio MartÌ ha cumplido un rol destacado porque, mediante contactos en vivo, ha entrevistado a opositores pacÌficos y a periodistas independientes y ello ha posibilitado que sus nombres, ideas, posiciones y la represiÛn cotidiana que sufren, sean conocidos por el pueblo. Radio MartÌ le ha dado voz a quienes se les niega el derecho al trabajo y son discriminados, golpeados, ofendidos, humillados, encarcelados y reciben en sÌ la fuerza del poder omnÌmodo del Estado, sÛlo por defender un proyecto diferente para la Patria.

Otro mÈrito de la emisora ha sido ofrecer un panorama actualizado de lo que ocurre en varias partes de Cuba con fuentes directas, pues no se ha limitado a contactar con opositores y periodistas independientes de la capital, lo cual impide la propagaciÛn del error com˙n de que la lucha est· capitalizada por La Habana y que las soluciones deben salir desde all·.

Desde 1985 hasta la fecha no ha habido un suceso de importancia o un an·lisis sobre situaciones de interÈs que no haya tenido cabida en Radio MartÌ. Puede afirmarse que, si las brechas que los cubanos logran crear a fuerza de maÒas para acceder cada vez m·s a internet le propinan golpes demoledores al totalitarismo, dicha emisora le propinÛ

los primeros y m·s decisivos golpes al coadyudar a la creaciÛn de una nueva conciencia informativa en el pueblo y apoyar el fortalecimiento de la prensa independiente. De ahÌ que el gobernante Ra˙l Castro insista en que una de las condiciones para la normalizaciÛn de las relaciones diplom·ticas con Estados Unidos sea el cese de las transmisiones de la emisora hacia Cuba, paÌs que contin˙a siendo considerado por la c˙pula gobernante como una finca pues la opiniÛn del pueblo nunca cuenta.

Esa posiciÛn demuestra la valÌa de Radio MartÌ y tambiÈn que, contrariamente a lo que durante estos 30 aÒos han dicho los comunistas en son de burla, la emisora sÌ se oye. De no escucharse no tendrÌa sentido tal reclamo. La verdad es que Radio MartÌ contin˙a siendo una voz de cubanÌa y libertad, un bastiÛn en defensa de la democracia y un dolor de cabeza para el castro-comunismo. [ArtÌculo publicado originalmente en Cubanet]. (via Ruben Guillermo Margenet, condiglista yg via DXLD)

** CUBA. 6000, August 2 at 0100, no signal from RHC English which is opening on 6165. I leave the PL-880 USB on 5999 to find RHC chopping 6000 on in progress at *0110:54.5.

5040 RHC and 5025 Rebelde are also AWOL, August 2 at 0119, but both on at 0140 in Spanish and music respectively (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA. 17730, August 4 at 2011 check, no signal from RHC in Portuguese, which is currently scheduled 1930-2300, but no English. When on, one of the few big signals on 16m (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA [non]. From the August 2nd edition of Wavescan: "Adventist World Radio has just begun a new service to Cuba, which is also audible throughout much of Latin America and the Caribbean. The new 30-minute program, which began August 1st, is broadcast twice daily at 1100 and 2300 UTC on the frequency of 5950 kHz via the transmitter site of WRMI in Okeechobee, Florida. And particularly interesting is the fact that the program originates at AWR studios in Cuba with all locally-produced content, such as a segment called ìSomos Cubaî or ìWe are Cuba.î Much of the AWR-Cuba programming is intended for young people, but there are features for a wide variety of listener interests. Again, the new service can be heard daily at 1100 and 2300 UTC on 5950 kHz." (Jeff White, August 1, WORLD OF RADIO 1785, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

And we shall be very interested to hear if this escape jamming. I guess it`s on, but only a JBA carrier here at 2320 (Glenn Hauser, ibid.)

Radio Mundial Adventista ha iniciado un nuevo servicio hacia Cuba que tambien se puede oir en mucho de America Latina y el Caribe. El nuevo programa de 30 minutos, que comenzo el 1 de agosto, se transmite dos veces diario a las 1100 y a las 2300 UTC en la frecuencia de 5950 kHz via la planta de WRMI en Okeechobee, Florida. El programa origina en Cuba con contenido producido localmente. Muchos de los segmentos son para jovenes, pero hay material para todas las edades.

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http://www.wrmi.net Aug 4, noticiasdx yg via DXLD)

5950, AWR? 2/8 2316 UT. VÌa Okeechobee. Murmullos con mucho QRM de R. PIO XII de Bolivia en 5952.xxx. SINPO: 31321 (Claudio Galaz, RX: REALISTIC DX-160, ANT: 30 metros de antena de hilo, m·s 20 metros de antena de tierra y balun de ferrita 3:1, QTH: Ovalle, Chile, condiglista yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1785, DXLD) Precisely:

BOLIVIA, 5952.446, CP60 Emisora Pio XII, time announcement in Spanish at 1042 UT Aug 5th. Excellent S=7-8 signal noted in Edmonton Alberta SDR unit (Wolfgang B¸schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Aug 5 via WORLD OF RADIO 1785, DXLD)

** DIEGO GARCIA [non-log]. 4319-USB, AFN. RE my recent question: "So has it finally happened - no AFN via SW?"

July 30, from Jari Savolainen - "Also been checking Diego Garcia 4319 randomly and no luck."

Also July 30, from Anker Petersen (editor of DSWCI's DX-Window) - "According to my notes based upon listening around the world, AFN Diego Garcia has not been heard since December 2014 on its two frequencies."

Thanks fellows for your helpful feedback! So yes, AFN for the time being (unless they fix a shortwave transmitter) is no longer broadcasting via SW (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, Aug 3, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Diego Garcia is permanently off AM too, 1485? I think it was. The tower was taken down and I think the SW outlet is gone for good too (Paul Walker, TX, ibid.)

** DJIBOUTI. Still missing Djibouti 4780 since several months. SONY ICF-SW7600G and 10 m wire. 73 (Giovanni IZ5PQT Carboni, Sicilia, July 30, cumbredx via DXLD)

** EAST TURKISTAN. 17615, August 3 at 0535, CRI in German but folk songs, apparently Tibetan as mentioned, good with flutter and about 2 seconds later on 17720, same reception. For German at 05-07, 17615 is Urumqi, 17720 Kashgar, both 500 kW, 308 degrees. Trans-polar overnight conditions are picking up (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** EAST TURKISTAN [non]. A VOICE FROM CHINAíS UIGHUR HOMELAND, REPORTING FROM THE U.S.
http://www.nytimes.com/2015/08/01/world/asia/a-voice-from-chinas-uighur-homeland-reporting-from-the-united-states.html?_r=0

JULY 31, 2015 Inside [numerous embedded linx in original]

Shohret Hoshur at the Radio Free Asia office in Washington. He said, ìI cannot leave. They took such risks. In such a situation, how can I?î Credit Zach Gibson/The New York Times [caption]

WASHINGTON ó IN December 1994, Shohret Hoshur, then a 29-year-old journalist in a remote corner of the far western Chinese region of Xinjiang, said goodbye to his homeland. After writing two articles in his native Uighur language that incensed the local authorities, he escaped using a false passport he bought for about $600.

He was safe, but the large family he left behind was not. Last year, his three brothers were arrested. Their crime, according to human rights groups and two United States senators: a blood relationship to Mr. Hoshur, whom the Chinese government considers one of the most dangerous reporters on the planet.

Now a distinguished-looking 50 years old with gray invading his dark hair and mustache, Mr. Hoshur continues to report on Xinjiang from afar for Radio Free Asia, the news service funded by the United States government that broadcasts in Uighur on shortwave radio and publishes stories written in the languageís Arabic script on its website.

His accounts of violence in his homeland are among the few reliable sources of information about incidents in a part of China that the government has sought to hide from international scrutiny. The authorities singled out his reporting, saying that it instigated deadly riots in the regional capital, Urumqi, in July 2009 that killed nearly 200 people. It was about then that Chinese officials also began threatening his relatives in Xinjiang, telling them they must persuade him to quit his job at R.F.A.

Mr. Hoshur refuses, saying he feels an obligation to the sources he has cultivated inside Xinjiang, people who take enormous risks to inform the world of what is happening there.

ìI cannot leave,î he said, speaking in halting English and sitting in a conference room at R.F.A.ís headquarters in Washington, a map of China on the wall behind him. ìThey took such risks. In such a situation, how can I?î Mr. Hoshur declined to discuss his immediate family out of concern for their safety.

Mr. Hoshurís native land is officially called the Xinjiang Uighur Autonomous Region. But for the 10 million ethnic Uighurs living in the territory, which shares a border with Afghanistan, the idea of attaining real autonomy is increasingly distant. The government of President Xi Jinping has imposed what amounts to a regional lockdown on the ethnic Turkic group, with mass arrests and restrictions on the practice of Islam, as it attempts to quell what the central government sees as a budding separatist movement. Some Uighurs, in striking out at the authorities, have used jihadist-style tactics, including deadly attacks against civilians in Tiananmen Square in Beijing in 2013 and in a train station in the southwestern city of Kunming last year.

The security measures in Xinjiang are usually paired with a news blackout. The official Chinese news media often avoids reporting on the continuing violence inside Xinjiang, including clashes between the police and Uighurs that produce body counts in the double digits. Such violence would garner extensive coverage had it occurred in the United States or Europe, but many of these cases would go undocumented if not for Mr. Hoshurís efforts.

After fleeing Xinjiang in 1994, Mr. Hoshur spent time in Turkey, studying for a masterís degree in Turkish literature. In 1999, he came to the United States, working for a courier company and running a small home rental and contracting firm in Northern Virginia before joining R.F.A. in 2007.

IN his years of reporting on Xinjiang, both as a young man in Qorghas County, near the border with Kazakhstan, and for R.F.A. in Washington, he built an extensive network of sources and perfected a telephone interview style that allows him to break through Chinaís information firewall.

People inside Xinjiang risk their freedom to pass information to him. Some circumvent Chinaís Internet controls and post messages to his account on Facebook, which is generally inaccessible in China. Others travel outside the region, sometimes as far away as Beijing or Shanghai, and call him in Washington from a public phone, he said.

Then comes the task of verifying the tips he receives, often involving incidents in remote parts of Xinjiang. He searches online for the phone numbers of local businesses and starts calling, systematically

varying the last few digits of the phone numbers he finds to reach other residents. It is not unusual for him to call as many as 100 people as he seeks to corroborate the news and nail down details.

Colleagues describe a workaholic. ìI come in in the morning and see him just leaving,î said Dan Southerland, R.F.A.ís executive director. ìI say, ëShohret, youíve got to get some sleep.í î

Mr. Hoshur, now a United States citizen, often quotes local police officials by name, lending his reports more credibility. Such was the case in mid-June, when he cited a local official in the city of Kashgar confirming a knife and bomb attack on a police checkpoint that killed at least 18 people, including three police officers or deputies.

TO get the police to talk, Mr. Hoshur said, he identifies himself as a reporter but speaks with authority ó in Mandarin Chinese or the Uighur language ó and orders the officers who pick up the phone to confirm details. The technique works, he says, because reporters from Chinaís state-run news media are part of the Communist Partyís propaganda apparatus, and local police officials will often act deferentially toward them. Some officials, because of intense censorship, may never have heard of R.F.A.

ìThatís why, when I call, my voice is like a boss,î Mr. Hoshur said. ìI donít say, ëPlease give me that information.í I say, ëI am an R.F.A. reporter. Give me that information.í Then they speak to me.î

They speak to very few other journalists, making Mr. Hoshurís reports extremely important to efforts by human rights groups to document the crackdown in Xinjiang.

ìPeople like him are very few, and thereís only a few channels of information, even fewer information channels that are subjected to some sort of journalistic standards,î said Nicholas Bequelin, Amnesty Internationalís regional director for East Asia, who closely follows events in Xinjiang.

ìBut clearly the Chinese police have come to the same conclusion,î Mr. Bequelin added. ìAnd they are now trying to use very tried and tested methods to silence him and to prevent this from continuing.î

One of Mr. Hoshurís younger brothers, Tudaxun Hoshur, was among dozens of Uighurs arrested in May 2014 in police sweeps in Xinjiang. He was charged with endangering state security in a mass trial and sentenced to five years in prison. Mr. Hoshurís other two brothers expressed anger over the sentence in a phone call with him in June 2014. The Chinese authorities appear to have monitored the call. The following

month, the state-run Global Times newspaper published an article reporting that a ìcertain R.F.A. Uighur reporterî was encouraging his relatives to ìwait for an opportunityî to conduct ìviolent terrorist acts.î

Mr. Hoshur said he believed the article was referring to him, but he denied saying any such thing in the call. The police detained his brothers in August, and they are now awaiting trial. According to R.F.A., the police have told Mr. Hoshurís relatives that his brothers will be released only if he stops reporting on Xinjiang. Between them, Mr. Hoshurís three imprisoned brothers have 11 children.

THE State Department and advocacy groups such as the Committee to Protect Journalists, based in New York, have called on Beijing to release Mr. Hoshurís brothers. Senator Mark Warner, Democrat of Virginia, and Senator Marco Rubio, Republican of Florida, have also urged Secretary of State John Kerry to bring up Mr. Hoshurís case with Chinese leaders.

ìThe fact Mr. Hoshur is being targeted through his family while living and reporting from the United States makes this case particularly disturbing,î the two senators wrote in a July 1 letter to Mr. Kerry. ìWe want to advance positive bilateral relations with China, and we also want to be clear that in a healthy bilateral relationship there is no room for this kind of intimidation.î

Mr. Hoshur said his relatives remain steadfast in their support for his work despite the pressure on them. Before they were detained last year, the two brothers awaiting trial told him to keep reporting on the plight of Uighurs in Xinjiang, he said.

ìThere is not anyone in the world caring about us,î Mr. Hoshur said, recalling what one of them said in the phone call that appeared to have been monitored. ìWhy donít you report this?î Posted by: (JOSE MIGUEL ROMERO ROMERO, dxldyg via DXLD)

** EGYPT. 3280, Harmonic, 0055-0110 1.8, ERTV General Programme, Batra, Qur`an recitation in Arabic, 15111 = 4th harmonic of Batra on 819 MW (35444) (Anker Petersen, loggings from Skovlunde on my AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres of longwire antenna, WBradio yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1785, DXLD)

ID by some //? 4 x 819 = 3276, not 3280, so is the fundamental off-frequency as well as harmonicizing? Some receivers can also put mixing products between two SW or one SW, one MW frequency in the 3 MHz band (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1785, DXLD)

** EGYPT. 12070, July 31 at 0055, R. Cairo, Spanish, distorted, S9

11935, July 31 at 0055, R. Cairo, open carrier/dead air, S5

9315, July 31 at 0129, R. Cairo, suptorted JBM presumably Spanish, S9+20

9965, July 31 at 0128, R. Cairo, Arabic, JBM with whine

9315, August 1 at 0207, R. Cairo is S9+20 but OCDA to JBM in presumed English

13850, August 2 at 0528, R. Cairo good in Arabic but suptorted (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

13850, 0546 2 AUG - ERTU GENERAL SERVICE (EGYPT) in ARABIC from ABIS. SINPO = 25121. ?language?, females in what seems like some sort of drama show. 0548z flute music, and drama continues. sf102.8, a10, k4, geomag: active. 250 kW, beamAz 315deg, bearing 30deg. Sangean ATS505 with Kaito KA33 in west facing window. Received at Las Vegas, United States, 11736 km from transmitter at Abis. Local time: 2246. 73s (Rodney Johnson, NV, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Radio Cairo on 12070 up to its usual wonderful standards of broadcasting quality. This is BAD even for THEM, and that says A LOT!! Heard on August 2nd, 2015 at 849 pm Central in Beaumont, TX http://www.onairdj.com/RadioCairo_12070_08022015_0149UTC_849PMCentral.mp3 (Paul Walker, Beaumont TX, UT Aug 3, dxldyg via DXLD)

Paul insists on giving evening dates only in his local zone even when also citing times in UT (gh, DXLD)

I have never been able to hear good audio from them. Don't they monitor the signal? 73s (Guido Santacana KP4FAR, Sent from my iPad, swl @ qth.net via DXLD)

The must not monitor it or they don't care. I don't know why in hell they don't fix the problem that's been going on for months if not years. I can't even begin to imagine how much they waste in electricity alone for the broadcasts no one can understand (Paul Walker, ibid.(

O, it`s years --- not merely months (gh, DXLD)

It has been going on for years. Somehow they don't care and I am sure they receive reception reports about it (Guido, Sent from my iPad, swl at qth.net via DXLD)

Paul, Radio Cairo has sucked for many years now; sometimes they get a

little better, then back in the toilet. Yep, they know they have the problem but have very little money to fix the problem or more like the money is getting skimmed off before it gets to the station. They have no real interest in getting to the U.S., just Northern Africa, Middle East and maybe southern Europe. Regards (Thomas Dorman, dxldyg via DXLD)

Mahybe we should nickname them "Toilet Radio"? (Paul Walker, ibid.)

Paul, Haven't even tried to hear Radio Cairo since early last year got a so-so signal but the audio was terrible; wanted to bang our head on the table so we gave up trying to listen. Seems the best I can remember it was in early 2013 the last time we could really understand their broadcast. Regards (Thomas Dorman, far west Texas, ibid.)

13850, 0252 3 AUG - ERTU GENERAL SERVICE (EGYPT) in ARABIC from ABIS. SINPO = 25212. ?Arab-type Language?, 0251z male a cappella chanting, followed by what sound like multiple males praying, then some oud music, followed by more praying. sf102.5, a11, k2, geomag: very quiet. 250 kW, beamAz 315deg, bearing 30deg. Sangean ATS505 with Kaito KA33 in west facing window. Received at Las Vegas, United States, 11736 km from transmitter at Abis. Local time: 1952. 73s (Rodney Johnson, NV, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Does this mean the modulation was unusually fine, since you make no mention of its quality?? (gh, DXLD)

Radio Cairo on Aug. 3 - strong signal, distorted modulation:
1900-2000 on 9665 ABS 200 kW / 325 deg to WeEu German
1900-2000 on 9685 ABS 250 kW / 005 deg to EaEu Russian
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/08/radio-cairo-on-aug3-strong-signal.html

Radio Cairo on Aug. 4 - strong signal, distorted modulation:
1700-1900 on 9280 ABS 250 kW / 005 deg to N/ME Turkish
1800-1900 on 9490 ABS 200 kW / 325 deg to WeEu Italian
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/08/radio-cairo-on-aug4-strong-signal.html
(Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

12070, August 5 at 0140, R. Cairo, Spanish is S9, but totally dead air

11935, August 5 at 0140, R. Cairo is S9+25 here, suptorted to JBM presumed Spanish

9315, August 5 at 0140, R. Cairo, S9+20 Spanish, but open carrier/dead air (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** EGYPT. MONITORING RADIO CAIRO WEBCASTS --- preliminary results of a monitoring project concerning http://www.egradio.eg

The official web site of ERTU also provides audio streams of Arabic and foreign language programmes. Three of them, named Persian, Swahili and English, seem to promise streams in those languages but it is more complicated.

1. External Services in English and other languages
http://www.egradio.eg/radio.php?PubPnt=English&ChnName=13 (English) did not carry any signal at any time checked, not even the 1 kHz test tone.

http://www.egradio.eg/radio.php?PubPnt=ElSawaheely&ChnName=9 (Swahili) and
http://www.egradio.eg/radio.php?PubPnt=Faressy&ChnName=10 (Persian) seem to be in parallel and carry a number of foreign language services, including English at 0200-0330 and 1215-1330. KiSwahili is carried 0400-0600 and 1600-1800, Persian at 1330-1530. Exact times for Hausa (1800-[2100]), Portuguese ([2215-]-2330) and Arabic (2330-) are yet to be established. In between some broadcasts and especially the hours until noon UTC you will only hear a 1 kHz test tone.

2. Domestic Services in English, French and other languages
Domestic programmes in English (but including a BBC News Hour) and French are found at
http://www.egradio.eg/radio.php?PubPnt=ElBernamegElOrobi&ChnName=6

While on 3 August much of the chat in both languages was not political, there was a programme in English taking telephone calls on topics brought up by the moderator. There was some controversial comment on the recent political history of Egypt, that the moderator tried to calm down, while comments on the destitute situation of the Egyptian education systems went out uninterrupted.

On 3 August the BBC Newshour had a very critical report on the Egyptian Governmentís crack down on suspected dissidents, but the programme was not interrupted.

The lyrics of some of the English songs were very explicit, some thing you would not expect on a state broadcaster of a state fighting against Muslim extremism. While the West seems to think of itself as Ñdeveloped worldì, from the viewpoint of its critics it is not Ñcivilisedì. It is with great interest that I heard a new expression for the West used in a Buddhist talk: Ñadvantaged worldì.

European languages are also heard at
http://www.egradio.eg/radio.php?PubPnt=ThakafayProg&ChnName=8

Taken the broadcasts of 3 August, the German domestic programme found here at 1200-1300 and the German shortwave programme at 1900-2000 on 9665 kHz are produced independently although the domestic programme could have been used as external service (Dr. Hansjoerg Biener, Germany, August 4, WORLD OF RADIO 1785, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ERITREA. 7175, Voice of Broad Masses 2, Asmara-Selea Daro, 1723-1726, escuchada el 30 de julio de 2015 en idioma sin identificar, probablemente en amh·rico, locutora con comentarios y conversaciÛn con invitado, SINPO 24332 (JosÈ Miguel Romero, SacaÒet (CastellÛn), EspaÒa, YAESU FRG-7700, Antena hilo 10m, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ETHIOPIA. Yes, the Ethiopians have got few shortwave transmitter units from China in 2007, by BBEF Beijing company; they have the included option of white noise scratch jamming signal broadcast modulation.

7235.525, Radio Ethiopia with always wandering SW unit outlet, some 30 Hertz up and down at 1610 UT on July 23, English on straight S=9 signal (Wolfgang B¸schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Aug 4 via DXLD)

7234, Clandestine, Voice of Eritrea, Gedja. Observed in our morning *0358ñ0433* on 7234 and in the evening after program in French *1800ñ1835* on 7236.7. Reported on 3/7 and 7 other days (Rumen Pankov, Sofia, Bulgaria Sony ICF2001D (Folded Marconi antenna), Aug Australian DX News via DXLD).

** ETHIOPIA [non]. [Re 15-30] Mystery Ethiopian cland on now? (reminder from gh to the dxldyg before 1600 UT Fri July 31, via DXLD)

15470, July 31 at 1703, no signal from alleged new clandestine in Amharic, which had been registered for Fridays only 1600-1800 via IRRS, which means via ROMANIA. Altho I reminded the DXLD yg about this shortly before, NO replies [yet] seen of anyone hearing it or even trying to hear it. BTW, BSKSA in Bambara is also registered exactly same time and frequency daily, presumably imaginary as IIRC Bambara was canceled? Altho not much audible on 19m, Saudi Arabia q.v. is making it else-frequency, so propagation sufficient (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1785, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Saludos cordiales, Glenn, el 31 de julio de 2015 estuve a la escucha en 15470 desde las 1545 hasta las 1615, no obtuve seÒal alguna; chequeÈ frecuencias adyacentes y tampoco, yo al menos no captÈ seÒal alguna (JosÈ Miguel Romero2, Spain, ibid.)

Operating on Sat only at 1600-1800 UT on 15470 kHz, fair reception in Japan. ID has not been able to still copy? Announced Washington DC.

http://radio.chobi.net/mp3/15470kHz_Amharic_20150725_1600UTC.mp3
via Euro SDR on Jul 25 at 1600 UT by H. Komatubara in Akita (S. Hasegawa, Japan, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1785, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15470 Radio øArshiniano?, 1600-, escuchada el 1 de agosto en idioma africano sin identificar, probablemente en amh·rico; comienza la emisiÛn en inglÈs con dos locutoras, segmento musical y locutor con cuÒa de ID en inglÈs "This¥s ...."; al comienzo de la emisiÛn sufre microcortes y llega a desaparecer, locutor con cuÒa de ID "Radio øArshiniano?", anuncia horarios, frecuencias e Internet, SINPO 35543 En cuanto pueda subo los audios, excelente seÒal (JosÈ Miguel Romero, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Apparently it is "Radio Abisinia"
http://radio.chobi.net/DX/bbs/?res:1
Fairly good signal here in north NJ right now. 73's (SakaÈ Obara, NJ, USA, 1645 UT Aug 1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1785, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

RADIO ABISINIA, BROADCASTING TO ETHIOPIA:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vr4kQcUcQnY
(via Ron Howard, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1785, DXLD)

Parece ser que se trata de Radio Abisinia; he encontrado un mensaje via twiter que asÌ lo anuncia:
Memhir Girma Wondimu ?@MemehirGirma 3 jul. Radio Abisinia will broadcast to Ethiopia via shortwave soon http://fb.me/3BF8ySL6J
(Romero, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1785, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

ROMANIA, Radio Abisinia via NEXUS-IBA IRRS Shortwave from Radiocom 1600-1800 15470 TIG 150 kW / 165 deg to EaAf Amharic Sat from July 25
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/08/radio-abisinia-via-nexus-iba-irrs.html
(Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, dxldyg via DXLD)

15470, regarding the new Amharic clandestine, registered for Fridays only 16-18 UT: Japanese DXers had already heard it last Saturday July 25, not Friday, nor did I hear it Friday July 31, so I`m checking again on Saturday August 1, at 1606: now there is a JBA carrier, presumably via ROMANIA.

It`s Radio Abisinia, with a studio YouTube via Ron Howard:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vr4kQcUcQnY
illustrated by a guy in what looks like religious garb, but which? Abyssinia was of course the previous name for Ethiopia; conjuring up the colonial, or monarchic past? Opening mentions Uganda, and Washington DC.

JosÈ Miguel Romero found this on FB with same poster:

https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=1498264477131178

SakaÈ Obara in New Jersey says at 1645 UT August 1:
``Apparently it is "Radio Abisinia"
http://radio.chobi.net/DX/bbs/?res:1
Fairly good signal here in north NJ right now``

That Japanese BBS has several logs of it last week and this. One says it had previously been on MW 1390 Sats & Suns, which of course would be a split frequency in that region. But if this is originating in Washington DC, that might allude to WZHF Arlington VA, 5/5 kW U4, with an ethnic format, if not a 100% Voice of Russia relay which is mentioned in the 2014 NRC AM Log (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1785, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Christian, specifically Ethiopian Orthodox:
http://www.teameretsion.org

> WZHF Arlington VA, 5/5 kW U4, with an ethnic format, if not a
> 100% Voice of Russia relay which is mentioned in the 2014 NRC AM Log

At least in 2011 it was indeed 24/7:
http://kimelli.nfshost.com/index.php?id=11038
(Kai Ludwig, Germany, dxldyg via DXLD)

re: ``Guy in religious garb``, is "Orthodox Priest/Exorcist Girma Wondimu." Actually some type of Christian.
http://ethiopianorthodoxmiracles.blogspot.com/2011/12/who-is-memihir-girma.html

Portion of the web page:

"Thousands of Ethiopians and some foreigners head to two Churches in Addis Abeba looking for religious healings from an Orthodox Priest / Exorcist Girma Wondimu. On Saturday and Sunday to St. Stephen Church, Meskel Square and on Tuesday and Wednesday to St. Michael Church, in Merkato, Addis Abeba. Thousands of Ethiopians and foreigners have given testimonies of healing and many have been open-mouthed by the miracles they have witnessed. Almost all types of ailments are healed through ëFaith Healingí. This is one of the talking points in the religiously strong Addis Abeba today. The Priest regularly gives religious teachings and healing through baptismal and exorcism in the Ethiopian Orthodox Christian ways. I have had the opportunity to speak to him. The excerpt follows,

Tell me about yourself please?

Priest/Exorcist Girma: I was born in 1951 (Ethiopian Calendar) in Bale, Ethiopia. In 1962 (Eth.Calander), I was ordained a deacon by

Abune Mekarios at the St. Michael Church, in Bale Goba. I served as a deacon for 15 years in different parishes in Bale, Ethiopia. Then I completed preaching and prayer courses. Recently I was given additional trainings on prayers by religious fathers. They strengthened me. By taking the Holy Eucharist (Communion) often, I also got the spiritual gift from God that enables me identify the spirit. When teaching the Gospel to the people attending worship, I was then able to identify where the spirits were amongst worshipers.

When you take the Holy Communion, you see what Jesus Christ had seen. You do what Jesus Christ did. Because He said in the Gospel of John 14:12, ìVery truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.î In this world where betrayal is much, God is out of the philosophy; to quieten the material worldís wealth and wisdom, and reveal the secret; he showed/gave me the opportunity through His gift.

So now I can say I have a Doctorate Degree of 35 years of investigation and research on spirits. And in all those years, I had served in Bale Goba, Zeway, Butajira (many Pentecostals and Muslims have been converted to Christianity), Meki, Jima, Teppi, Yirga Cheffe, Sidamo, Harar, Somali region, Neeus Tabia Ketema, Sudan. I have been in Addis Abeba for the past good years and will soon be heading to Wello, Haik, and others . . . . .

So how do you live? Any source of income?

Priest/Exorcist Girma: From the sale of the Video CDs. The CDs show some of the live recorded miraculous ëFaith Healingí programs and preaching." (via Ron Howard, WORLD OF RADIO 1785, DXLD)

Clandestina, 15470, Radio Abisinia, 1603-1620, escuchada el 1 de agosto de 2015 en ahmarico, comienza la emisiÛn con dos locutoras conversando en inglÈs, locutor con ID en inglÈs, locutor con cuÒas de ID ìRadio Abisiniaî, sufre micro cortes, anuncia horarios, frecuencias e Internet, SINPO 35543 (JosÈ Miguel Romero, SacaÒet (CastellÛn), EspaÒa, YAESU FRG-7700, Antena hilo 10m, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1785, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** EUROPE. PIRATE-EURO. Abu Dhabi Radio, 6240 AM, 0000-0003*. SIO: 232. Vocal tune and off. ID per Alexandr of the Ukraine on the HFU [date missing, late July]

PIRATE-EURO. Akai Radio, 6305 AM, 0014-0021*, 08-02-15. SIO: 333. Pretty good signal for a Euro, playing John Fogarty songs, frequency IDs by OM announcer in English and Dutch (Chris Lobdell, Box 80146, Stoneham, MA 02180 USA, Receivers: Eton E1, JRC NRD-545, Aerials: 40

Meter dipole, G5RV, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also IRELAND

** FINLAND. Scandinavian Weekend Radio's (SWR) monthly 24 hour transmission from Virrat, Finland starts this evening 31 July at 2100 UTC on 6170 and 11720 kHz. 6170 alternates with 5980 and 11720 alternates with 11690 throughout the 24hr period.

Full frequency and programme schedule here (last tx 6170 switched to 5980 after only an hour due to QRM though):
http://www.swradio.net/schedule.htm
Posted by: ("Alan Pennington" bdxc-UK yg via DXLD)

** FINLAND [non]. Dear listeners, Regular weekly transmission of Radio Spaceshuttle will be on 13600 kHz today 2nd of August 19-20 UT [via BULGARIA]

HRI program with. I wish you will have fun with our programes also in future! Please tell you thoughts to us by e-mail:
spaceshuttleradio@yhaoo.com Your letters/reception reports are very welcome to our address in Herten:
Radio Spaceshuttle International
P. O. Box 2702
NL: 6049 ZG Herten
The Netherlands
A little fee (2 euros) for return postage (for full info printed QSLs) is needed! Quick responce and communication is possible by e-mail:
spaceshuttleradio@yahoo.com Best Regards!
(Dick of Radio Spaceshuttle, Aug 2, Hard-Core-DX list via DXLD)

** FRANCE. Hi Glenn, Since August 1st, China Radio International leave MONACO. The MW 702 kHz is OFF and on FM 96.4 MHz there is a new station (with relay from Nice Radio).

Still NO official confirmation from the Government about the closure of the MW transmitters in FRANCE from December 2015. Regards and 73ís
(Christian Ghibaudo, Nice, France, August 3, WORLD OF RADIO 1785, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

But, but, Andy Sennitt et al., have reported it as if a done deal (gh)

** FRANCE [non]. 17660, August 2 at 1253, JBA signal; could it be CNR8 revived domestic Korean service? No, improves marginally so I can tell it`s in French, and off after 1300, so per HFCC it`s RFI at 12-13, double registered via two different sites, MADAGASCAR and SOUTH AFRICA, both with 250 kW servicing exactly the same CIRAFs, at 305 and 342 azimuths respectively. EiBi and Aoki both go with Madagascar
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

But in B-15 all RFI via MEY ceased - deleted, only relay via MDG 21690 kHz then (Wolfgang B¸schel, DX LISTENING DIGEST) O yes; I guess you meant B-14. But they keep registering both in A-15, just in case? (gh)

** GERMANY. 17810, July 30 at 1330, AWR multi-lingual ID, 1331 introducing Mandarin, very poor signal, from Guam? No, Nauen, per Aoki, at 1300-1500, except Sat & Sun the first semihour is in Uyghur. In the local evening on 16m, better to hit China from the west (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GERMANY. Scan of 22 mb at 0836 UT, July 30
13881 DWD Hamburg Meteo [mode?]
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/08/scan-of-22-mb-at-0836ut-july-30.html
(DX RE MIX NEWS #921 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, August 4, 2015, via DXLD)

** GHANA. GHANA BROADCASTING CORPORATION MARKS 80TH ANNIVERSARY
http://en.starafrica.com/news/ghana-broadcasting-corporation-marks-80th-anniversary.html

The Ghana Broadcasting Corporation (GBC) on Friday celebrated its 80th anniversary, taking its listeners and its website visitors through the evolution of the station. On Friday, various programmes were done including one in Hausa language, where the National Chief Imam, Sheik Osman Nuhu Sharabutu, offered Muslim prayers for the GBC.

The Director General of GBC, Major (Retired) Albert Don Chebe, praised past directors and staff for bringing the station this far and pledged that the current generation of broadcasters would work hard to improve on set standards.

GBC is the first radio station to be established in Ghana in 1953 by Sir Arnold Hudson, then Governor of the Gold Coast which is known today as Ghana.

He was assisted by F. A. W. Byron, a British Radio Engineer, and transmission was through a rediffusion box.

GBC is seen by many Ghanaians as the pace-setter when it comes to broadcasting, training prominent many Ghanaian news readers.
Posted by: (JOSE MIGUEL ROMERO ROMERO, Aug 1, dxldyg via DXLD)

IIRC, for a good many years, Ghana had the distinxion of broadcasting its domestic service only on SW, 3366, 4915; no MW (altho the wired = rediffusion system probably used MW frequencies). Now it`s no SW, no MW, only FM. It also had an external SW service for a several years, not worth mentioning above. As for religions, what`s with that Islamic-only praying? World Almanac 2002 said: 38% indigenous beliefs;

30% Muslim, 24% Christian; violation of SOCAS (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

** GREECE. MISMANAGEMENT, FRAUD AT GREECE'S ERT COST MILLIONS - auditors | Text of report in English by government-affiliated Greek news agency ANA-MPA website

The Greek state has suffered losses of millions of euros from the mismanagement and fraud in public broadcaster ERT during the administration of Christos Panagopoulos and the radio station 9,84 in the period 2001-2010, according [to] the findings of the auditors.

Sunday's [2 August] newspaper To Vima reported that the former chairman of ERT Christos Panagopoulos will be tried for felony, while a dozen of executives in the public radio station will be tried for the embezzlement of 35m euros.

Source: Athens News Agency-Macedonian Press Agency website, Athens, in English 1304 gmt 2 Aug 15 (via BBCM via DXLD)

** GREECE. GRECIA, 9420, Voz de Grecia, Avlis, 0519-0523, escuchada el 31 de julio de 2015 en espaÒol a locutor con presentaciÛn, ID, noticias nacionales, deportivas y pronÛstico del tiempo, despedida, ìal micrÛfonoÖen el control tÈcnicoÖî, en paralelo por 9935, SINPO 45444 (JosÈ Miguel Romero, SacaÒet (CastellÛn), EspaÒa, YAESU FRG-7700, Antena hilo 10m, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) Spanish segment presumably shifted one semihour later now; see below (gh)

9420, August 1 at 0114, VOG with Greek music, but no // 9935 this time. However, at 0156 I find that same Avlis transmitter active on 11645 since it`s putting out humbuzz/propeller noise atop the talk modulation which is // 9420, still no 9935 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9420, ERT (Avlis) 0247-0304+ 1 August. Good to hear ERT with a nice signal -- Greek chat and some pleasant EZL instrumentals, ID at TOH. // 11645 JBA with buzzy rumble on audio (is Cairo loaning out their transmitters?) and unheard on 9935 (Dan Sheedy, Encinitas, CA G5/6m X wire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Voice of Greece in 8 languages at new time on Sat August 1:
0530-0630 on 9420 AVL 170 kW / 323 deg to WeEu Various*, ex 0500-0600
0530-0630 on 11645 AVL 100 kW / 182 deg to NoAf Various*, ex 0500-0600
*3-5 minutes news in Serbian/Romanian/Spanish/Russian/Polish/Albanian/Italian/Arabic. Till 0600 11645 is totally blocked by Radio Dabanga.
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/08/voice-of-greece-in-8-languages-at-new.html
(DX RE MIX NEWS #921 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, August 4, 2015, via WORLD OF RADIO 1785, DXLD)

Voice of Greece from 0745 to 1325/1315 UT on 9420 and 11645 kHz in Greek, Romanian, Serbian, Russian, Spanish, Albanian and English will be added after 2 hours. No SW transmission from Greece after 1325/1315 (Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) Aug 3 like neighboring logs? What do you mean by ``will be added``? (gh)

Re Voice of Greece on air Aug. 4 from 0745 on 9420, 11645 terrible audio: Voice of Greece, Aug. 4 in Romanian, Serbian and Russian from 0805 to 0812 on 9420 and 11645 clear audio. Videos will be added later today -- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, Equipment: Sony ICF-2001D 30 m. long wire, DX LISTENING DIGESET)

Voice of Greece, Avlis, again on air Aug 4 after several days absence:
from 0745 9420 170 kW / 323 deg WeEu Greek
from 0745 11645 100 kW / 182 deg NoAf Greek, terrible audio, hum tone
0800-0805 9420 170 kW / 323 deg WeEu Greek
0800-0805 11645 100 kW / 182 deg NoAf Greek, clear audio, no hum tone
0805-0812 9420 170 kW / 323 deg WeEu Romanian/Serbian/Russian
0805-0812 11645 100 kW / 182 deg NoAf Romanian/Serbian/Russian
0812-0835 9420 170 kW / 323 deg WeEu Greek, tx off/on around 0830UTC
0812-0835 11645 100 kW / 182 deg NoAf Greek, clear audio, no hum tone
0835-0905 9420 170 kW / 323 deg WeEu Greek,
0835-0905 11645 100 kW / 182 deg NoAf Greek, terrible audio, hum tone
0905-0909 9420 170 kW / 323 deg WeEu Spanish/Albanian
0905-0909 11645 100 kW / 182 deg NoAf Spanish/Albanian
0909-1201 9420 170 kW / 323 deg WeEu Greek
0909-1201 11645 100 kW / 182 deg NoAf Greek, clear audio, no hum tone
1201-1207 9420 170 kW / 323 deg WeEu English
1201-1207 11645 100 kW / 182 deg NoAf English,clear audio,no hum tone
from 1207 9420 170 kW / 323 deg WeEu Greek and off the air at 1325UT
from 1207 11645 100 kW / 182 deg NoAf Greek and off the air at 1315UT
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/08/voice-of-greece-on-aug4-is-again-on-air.html
-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, dxldyg via DXLD)

Voice of Greece was back on SW Aug. 4 after 1845 on 9420, and terrible audio on 9935 -- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, WORLD OF RADIO 1785, DXLD)

Voice of Greece was back on air on August 4 after 1845UT:
1851 & 1901 9420 AVL 170 kW / 323 deg WEu Greek co-ch VIRI/IRIB Arabic
1851 & 1901 9935 AVL 100 kW / 285 deg WEu Greek terrible audio humtone
No signal from Voice of Greece on August 5 at 0300, 0600, 0900, 1200 time slot
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/08/voice-of-greece-was-back-on-air-on.html
(Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9935, August 5 at 0139, VOG with usual big whinebuzz atop the music

it`s trying to modulate, successfully on 9420 (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1785, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Nothing on air from Avlis Greece heard Wed 5th around 06 UT. 9420.003 kHz at 1920 UT on Aug 4, strong POWERFUL signal of S=9+40dB in southern Germany.

9934.949v footprint odd frequency. Annoying BUZZ tone accompanied the S=9+30dB ERT audio signal from Avlis here in southern Germany at 1910 UT on Aug 4
[selected SDR options, span 12.5 kHz RBW 15.3 Hertz]

BUZZ signal like GARDEN FENCE showed in Perseus browser screen 13 times! x accompanied buzz spur peak signals - each sideband - peaks at 245 Hertz / 490 ... Hertz apart distance ... , each sideband (Wolfgang B¸schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Aug 4, via DXLD)

Voice of Greece from 2102 August 5 until 0517 UT August 6:
from 2102 9420 170 kW / 323 deg WEu Greek
from 2102 9935 100 kW / 285 deg WEu Greek, terrible audio, humtone
0301-0506 9420 170 kW / 323 deg NAm Greek
0301-0506 9935 100 kW / 323 deg NAm Greek, not 11645 from 0400
from 0506 9420 170 kW / 323 deg NAm Serbian
from 0506 9935 100 kW / 323 deg NAm Serbian, terrible audio, humtone
from 0513 9420 170 kW / 323 deg NAm Romanian and off the air 0517
from 0513 9935 100 kW / 323 deg NAm Romanian and off the air 0515
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/08/voice-of-greece-from-2102ut-august-5.html
73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, Aug 5-6, Equipment: Sony ICF-2001D 30 m, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GREENLAND. [Re 15-30:] Welcome back to an old DX friend! 720 kHz, KNR Greenland --- As a follow up to the happy news in the second half of 2014 that 3 AM frequencies in Greenland would return to the air, and the return to the air of 650 and 570, I am happy to report that tonight I am listening to my old friend KNR Greenland on 720. The first time I heard KNR 720 was back in 2006 when local 720 CHTN went dark as a result of its flip to FM.

Since I cannot understand Greenlandic, although I recognize its distinctive sound, I went to the streaming audio for KNR - sure enough a match to what I was hearing on 720 just minutes ago, albeit a few seconds out of synch. Receiver used - Racal RA6790/GM Antenna - Jack Smith active whip remotely located. Nice to see AMer's returning to the air :) (Phil Rafuse, VY2PR, Stratford PE Canada, Aug 2, ABDX via DXLD)

** GUANTANAMO BAY. VINYL RECORDS AT GUANT¡NAMO: NAVY RADIO STATION

RESISTED A RECALL
http://www.miamiherald.com/news/nation-world/world/americas/guantanamo/article29795368.html

GUANTANAMO BAY NAVY BASE --- Havana may have its classic American automobiles but, step into a back room of this base radio station, and the U.S. sailors who broadcast here behind a Cuban minefield have a vintage collection trapped in a time warp of its own.

Thereís a trove of about 20,000 vinyl records saved from a headquarters recall in the í90s and sometimes broadcast to base residents when the mostly strict military format allows.

In fact, Radio Gitmo has the U.S. militaryís last broadcasting collection of vinyl records ó and studios outfitted with turntables. ìWe are more or less trusted with this media,î said Petty Officer Jared Collins, 26, a station engineer, standing amid rows of records in paper slipcovers in an obsolete TV studio. ìIt would be a crime to get rid of them.î

On a recent Friday he set a stylus onto a live recording of Chuck Berryís My Ding-a-Ling and broadcast it to radio listeners among the 6,000 or so people on this base.

Thereís a live Bob Marley concert and Eugene Ormandy conducting the Philadelphia Orchestra, John Coltrane recordings and the Mormon Tabernacle Choir, part of a collection that for years the DJs wouldnít discuss for fear that the bosses would order them to destroy them or ship the collection off the island, like other radio stations in the Defense Department broadcasting system.

Thereís also Santanaís rendition of Oye Como Va, the Grateful Dead playing Radio City Music Hall in 1980, Led Zeppelin, The Brides of Funkenstein, The Doors ó all predigital recordings pressed from the 50s into the 90s.

The Armed Forces Network
http://afrts.dodmedia.osd.mil/page.asp?pg=/gen_info/aboutbc
got out of analog music in the 1990s with a recall order to its outlets, says George A. Smith, chief of affiliate relations at the AFN Broadcast Center in Riverside, California. The Pentagonís radio and TV network was transitioning to new technology, meaning ìour only choices were to keep turntables to occasionally play records, keep the vinyl for historical purposes or dispose of the collection in accordance with our copyright agreements.î

One set went to the Library of Congress, says Smith. Another is kept in the broadcast centerís archive. At Guant·namo, where the stationís

jingle not so long ago was ìOn an island with no where to go,î it seems, the DJs just never got around to complying. https://soundcloud.com/miamiherald/radio-gitmo-jingles-circa-2011

In fact, the vinyl collection was for years one of Guant·namoís worst-kept secrets, something everybody seemed to know about but nobody wanted talked about beyond the base. Itís stashed in a room with station souvenirs ó Fidel Castro bobble heads, T-shirt, mugs, key chains emblazoned with ìRockiní in Fidelís Backyard,î the stationís motto never uttered on the air. http://www.miamiherald.com/news/nation-world/world/americas/guantanamo/article1939257.html

Sailors assigned to the radio station were worried that, if higher headquarters heard about it, they might insist on its recall. But now, with vinyl making a comeback, the opposite has happened. Headquarters is hailing, not threatening, the unique collection at this unique outpost.

ìThe fact they still retain the vinyl records is their choice and used for special occasions,î Smith said by email, adding that only the Guant·namo station ìis actively maintaining a record library and occasionally airing records on the air.î Their use is occasional, he said, a break in a mostly scripted military format ó ìmerely an augmentation of the other current and relevant AFN services offered.î

So sailors squiring visitors around the station now enthusiastically let reporters look around and marvel at the collectionís database ó a card catalog typed up by sailors starting in the í60s to correlate with the LPs on the shelves.

On a recent visit, station staff offered estimates on the collectionís value, starting at $3 million, then revising it downward to $2 million or $1 million, if the records were sold individually on eBay.

The reality is, itís priceless. And, frankly, theoretical. The vinyl is copyrighted ó resale forbidden under the terms that the U.S. military acquired it ó with its use limited to ìauthorized U.S. military community listeners overseas,î says Smith. So there can be no auction ó on eBay or otherwise.

Radio Gitmo broadcasts three stations, much of it canned, in different formats ó Top 40 from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. on one, country in the same time slot on another and a blend of all-talk broadcasts ripped from NPR, FOX, ABC and others, ìso everybody can get their fix,î as Collins puts it. Night time brings electronic dance music and classic rock.

That leaves little time for the vinyl beyond Throwback Thursdays when

the sailors who serve as DJs and engineers can more freely pluck from the shelves. And once a year the station does a fundraiser, a radio-thon. Callers donate a dollar to get a song played. The next caller donates $2 to get it off the air.

So, says Collins, the DJs get to play from the collection ìevery once in a while. We still have to comply with what weíre doing. When they want to hear Top 40, theyíre going to hear Top 40.î

Posted by: (JOSE MIGUEL ROMERO ROMERO, Aug 2, dxldyg via DXLD)

WTFK?? 1340, to be sure only some lucky Floridians inside CONUS will be able to hear it. This once was listed with callsign WGBY == unofficial? We might well have better luck on 102.1 or 103.1 MHz. So the Cubans don`t even try to jam/interfere with this? (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

** GUINEA. RED CROSS RADIO HELPS COMMUNITIES IN GUINEA GUARD AGAINST EBOLA --- Published: 3 August 2015 14:00 CET

To raise awareness about Ebola and reduce resistance, Red Cross volunteers in Guinea are using a mobile radio station to engage with listeners. 5,000 radios are also being distributed to remote communities. Photo: Corinne Ambler, IFRC

By Corinne Ambler, IFRC

By the side of a dusty highway in TanÈnÈ, in southwestern Guinea, two young Red Cross workers crouch in the back of a four-wheel-drive among wires, headphones, microphones and a box that looks like a mini studio control panel.

In between blasts of catchy music to pull in listeners, the deejay, who is actually an experienced Red Cross beneficiary communications officer, takes calls from people wanting to find out about Ebola.

ìThey want to know how you get Ebola, what are the symptoms, and is it real,î says Alpha Camara, a 28-year-old Red Cross Society of Guinea technician, who will be operating the `radio in a boxí in this town for a month. . . - See more at:

http://www.ifrc.org/en/news-and-media/news-stories/africa/guinea/red-cross-radio-helps-communities-in-guinea-guard-against-ebola-68946/#sthash.7rib5JGB.N5Tg8APl.dpuf

(via JosÈ Miguel Romero, dxldyg via DXLD) WTFK? Presumably FM only (gh, DXLD)

** GUYANA. 3289.97, Jul 23, 0045 tonight July 23 Guyana was audible WITHOUT the ute transmitter. The first time since February that I found a poor signal and no STANAG transmission. Reception was possible from 0045-0115 UT, but very very low signal. So I hope for another day and knows that my daily recording the last weeks was not in vain ;-) (Christoph Ratzer, Salzburg, Austria, SW Bulletin Aug 2 via DXLD)

** INDIA. If any listener notice any irregularities on All India Radio's SW service (both Home & External Service) may report to the following single email address: directorsmsair@gmail.com This is a common email address which will eventually forward all mails to all the SW transmitter sites, control rooms and other important persons. If there is any wrong frequency or wrong feed or wrong programmes or even off the air or other irregularities, please report to the above email address (Alok Dasgupta, Kolkata, India, DSWCI DX Window August 5 via WORLD OF RADIO 1785, DXLD)

** INDIA. 9690, 1330 3 AUG - ALL INDIA RADIO GOS, in ENGLISH from BANGALORE. SINPO = 22332. 1328z Indian music followed by silence (no pips), ID (presumably) and frequencies announced by male followed by news read by female. ëBangaloreí is mentioned at 1335z. ëIndiaí is mentioned at 1337z. sf 102.5, a 11, k 1, geomag: very quiet. 250 kW, beamAz 102deg, bearing 348deg. Sangean ATS505 with Kaito KA33 in west facing window. Received at Las Vegas, United States, 14395 km from transmitter at Bangalore). Local time: 0630. 73s (Rodney Johnson, NV, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

So Rodney has now concluded it`s AIR here, not Nigeria at this hour (gh, DXLD)

I wasn't able to check on Sunday Morning, but I was up early this moring and even though the QRN was better, it seems like that's a busy channel with QRM so readability still wasn't that great, BUT I caught the s/on of AIR GOS on 9690 and I can only surmise that's what I heard on those other occasions as well. I have updated my logs to reflect this. Thanks guys, and sorry about the confusion on my part! 73s (Rodney Johnson, NV, August 3, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) Rather than NIGERIA, q.v.

Hi Thorsten, Glenn, I was unable to try again on Sunday, but I was up this morning early enough to catch the s/on of AIR GOS on 9690 at 1330z. I can only surmise (as you did) that I must have been hearing this all along. I have changed my log entries to reflect this. Thanks guys, and sorry, once again, for the confusion on my part. I guess I should make coffee before trying to log SW in the early morning!

(Incidentally, Thorsten, I never could get that URL you gave me for the Nigeria stream to work, it kept trying to buffer and would end up

saying "Stream Offline" on tried on various occasions when I wanted to verify Nigeria) 73s (Rodney Johnson, NV, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Viz.:

9690, 1330 31 Jul - ALL INDIA RADIO GOS (INDIA) in ENGLISH from BANGALORE). SINPO = 23222. English, female newscaster, slight accent. many people interviewed had thick accents. difficult to read over QRN. QRM from strong R. Taiwan on 9680. Eastern microtonal music with female vocalist at 1410z. sf102.5, a12, k3, geomag : unsettled. 250kw, beamAz102deg, bearing348deg. Sangean ATS505 w/Kaito KA33 in west facing window. Received at Las Vegas, United States, 14395KM from transmitter at Bangalore). Local time: 0701.

9690, 1330 23 Jul - ALL INDIA RADIO GOS (INDIA) in ENGLISH from BANGALORE). SINPO = 23222. English, music, female announcer. sf89.1, a8, k3, geomag : unsettled. 250kw, beamAz102deg, bearing348deg. Sangean ATS505 w/Kaito KA33 in west facing window. Received at Las Vegas, United States, 14395KM from transmitter at Bangalore). Local time: 0629

9690, 1330 10 Jul - ALL INDIA RADIO GOS (INDIA) in ENGLISH from BANGALORE). SINPO = 24222. Indian music. ID at 1400z in English by male announcer. Then news read by female newscaster. sf122, a6, k0, geomag : inactive. 250kw, beamAz102deg, bearing348deg. Sangean ATS505 w/Kaito KA33 in west facing window. Received at Las Vegas, United States, 14395KM from transmitter at Bangalore). Local time: 0653 (Rodney Johnson, NV, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDIA. AIR Nepali noted today 31.7.2015 on 11715 at 0130-0230. Yesterday it was on 11645. I was informed that their scheduled frequency is 11715. Yours sincerely, (Jose Jacob, VU2JOS, National Institute of Amateur Radio, Hyderabad, dx_india yg via DXLD)

AM or DRM? (gh, ibid.)

Dear Glenn, 11715 Nepali at 0130 is now a days in AM mode. FYI all DRM transmissions on SW scheduled from Delhi is temporarily in AM Mode.

[As posted June 21:] Due to technical reasons the DRM transmissions on SW from Delhi is temporarily replaced by AM Mode. Sked:

0130-0230 11715 Nepali
0315-0530 17715 Hindi/Gujarati
0900-1200 6100 Vividh Bharati
1300-1500 15050 Sinhala
1615-1715 15140 Russian
1745-2230 9950 English/Hindi
2245-0045 11645 English

Yours sincerely, (Jose Jacob, VU2JOS, National Institute of Amateur Radio, Hyderabad, India, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Jose, I was aware of that but unaware whether it was still in effect. Seems the default assumption is AM, u.o.s., just as it should be (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDIA [and non]. AIR PLANS TO COUNTER CHINESE INVASION OF INDIAN AIRWAVES
http://www.hindustantimes.com/india-news/air-plans-to-counter-chinese-invasion-of-indian-airwaves/article1-1375819.aspx

From across Indiaís long and hazy Himalayan border up north, Chinese radio ripples into Indian homes with a mixed fare of multi-lingual programmes, including news, commentary and even Mandarin tutorials. Itís an airwave ëincursioní India is fending off with a sweeping border expansion of the state broadcaster, All-India Radio.

In pockets with weak Indian signals, listeners are greeted by Chinese radio programmes in Nepalese and Hindi, riding Nepalís growing FM network. Chinese radio can be heard in places in Ladakh in the northwest to Sitamarhi in the east and further towards the Northeast.

Along a nebulous frontline that is otherwise fiercely guarded by both sides, freely accessible Chinese broadcasts could effectively enhance Chinaís sphere of influence. For instance, news from Chinese radio could give an entirely different spin to events in India. China and Nepal have a comprehensive broadcast treaty, which gives China this access.

Three years ago, the state-run China Radio International (CRI) acquired ìdownlinkî permission to ìrebroadcastî its programmes across Nepal. The CRI has also set up a local radio station right in Kathmandu, its programmes relayed by over 200 smaller Nepali FM stations.

To reinforce its own airwaves, Indiaís information and broadcasting ministry is mounting a Rs 400-crore plan.

The sanctioned ramp-up so far looks impressive, including a special Jammu and Kashmir (J-K) Phase 3 and a new Northeast upgrade package. New infrastructure includes about 100 new 1-kilowatt-powered FM towers, four 10-kilowatt transmitters in Himbotingla (Kargil), Green Ridge (Uri) and Naushera in J&K and a recent acquiring of 17 sites in the Northeast for 19 FM stations. In 15 of these sites that will cater to remote areas, building construction has been completed in 15 sites in record time. To ensure an airwave blanket that will not crack in bad weather, high-end servers are being installed in 48 sites.

The target is to deepen AIRís FM reach to 60% of the countryís territory from 40% now in the next two and a half years and then the whole country in five years, whose progress is being strictly monitored by the ministry. Posted by: (JOSE MIGUEL ROMERO ROMERO, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1785, DXLD)

I wonder if this initiative apply to the ``ooincidental`` usurpation of many AIR SW frequencies by China. India should move all those away from China and see if they happen to follow (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1785, DXLD)

** INDIA [non]. 9450, 7/30 0128, Athmik Yatra R., Nauen, Germany, Vadari service; OM talks; IS, 0130 s/off; 35432. Note: A beautiful Interval Signal (IS). (JosÈ Ronaldo Xavier (JRX), Cabedelo - Brazil, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

** INDONESIA. 3905, RRI Merauke. Music program with a very long and over wrought power ballad at 0854. Ramadan ID noted 0901. Also noted later on 810 kHz at 1247. 1/7 (Phil Brennan, Darwin NT (CommRadio CR1, Icom IC R75, Tecsun PL660, EF SWL, 2 x EWE ñ NE & NW, pa0rdt-Mini-Whip, August Australian DX News via DXLD)

[same] A good signal coming through the noise at 1315 with local news reports, ID and canned announcements, then laid-back instrumental music at 1323. Nice to hear them more regularly these days, 28/7 (Rob Wagner, VK3BVW, Mount Evelyn, VIC, Yaesu FTDX 3000, Kenwood TS2000, Yaesu FRG100, Sangean ATS909, Double Bazooka antennas for 80 and 40 m, Par EF-SWL End Fed antenna, BHI NEIM1031 Digital Noise Eliminating Module, MFJ-1026 Noise Cancelling Module, ATU, August Australian DX News via DXLD)

[same] Fluffy pops 1240, into Indonesian announcements. 1243, very good on 19/7 (Craig Seager, VK2HBT, Bathurst NSW (Perseus SDR, Horizontal Loop, Wellbrook AFI 5030 Isolator, Kiwa Preamp), August Australian DX News via DXLD)

``fluffy pops``? ``over-wrought power ballad``?? Our linguistic horizons are expanding (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

3905, RRI Merauke, Aug 3 they finally switched over to playing the patriotic song ìDirgahayu Indonesiakuî after the news. Continues with 1200, 1300 and 1400 news, but note there is no weekend edition of the economic news (1315-1331), as the financial markets are closed; Aug 1 (Saturday) regular news ended 1309; Aug 3 (Monday) at 1332, played ìDirgahayu Indonesiakuî at the end of economic news and think we can expect this song to continue throughout the month of August (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, E1 & CR-1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING

DIGEST)

** INDONESIA. Tentatively, 4869.913 kHz carrier visible on remote SDR unit in Vancouver CAN. At 1010 UT on Aug 5, probably RRI Wamena (Wolfgang B¸schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Aug 5, dxldyg via DXLD)

** INTERNATIONAL VACUUM. ROGUE SATELLLITE JAMMING AMATEUR RADIO
Full credit to 'the register' and to Hugh Neal (DJ Tony Palmer), Radio Caroline 558 from the offshore days for passing it on to me.
http://www.theregister.co.uk/2015/07/31/us_navy_satellite_pcsat_no_44_goes_rogue/
Sent from my BlackBerryÆ smartphone. Posted by: gazlinks (Gary Drew, July 31, BDXC-UK yg via DXLD) Viz.:

ATTACK of the ZOMBIE SATELLITE: Run radio hams, run!
Knocked down, now up again, you just can't keep it down
ShutterStock217132183 [caption credit?]
31 Jul 2015 at 14:54, Adam Banks

A satellite launched by the US military has gone rogue and is causing interference to radio hams across Europe.

The US Navyís PCSat NO-44, which is only supposed to transmit over the US, is now drowning out European amateurs and the USN doesnít know what to do about it.

Former head of information security at BT and keen radio ham John Regnault got in touch with The Register to explain the problem.

Licensed as an amateur satellite in the Amateur Satellite Service, PCSat was launched 30 September 2001 from the Kodiak Launch Complex on Kodiak Island, Alaska aboard Athena I.

It was designed to be a worldwide position, status reporting and message communications satellite for remote travellers. The satellite is on a tight polar orbit and passes over Europe every hour or so.

It uses the APRS (Automatic Position Reporting System) protocol to permit hundreds of users per pass to access the satellite. To demonstrate this concept, PCSat augments the existing worldwide terrestrial amateur radio APRS tracking system by providing links from the 90 per cent of the Earth's surface not covered by the terrestrial network, so when it passes over it drowns out other users of the frequency.

The spectrum it interferes with is around 150MHz, and generally used by radio amateurs for meteor scatter, sending short text messages over distances of up to 2,000km by bouncing them off the ionisation caused when a meteorite breaks up in the atmosphere. The last thing a radio

ham wants is to wait for a meteor shower to send a message and then have it drowned out by a passing satellite.

Now redundant, PCSat NO-44 should be dead, but isn't. This is because it is designed to use more power than it has on board ñ a negative power budget ñ and then reboot when its solar cells generate enough power to wake it up. Robert Bruninga of the US Naval Academy, posted to a Usenet group to explain the problem:

``PCSAT (now 14 years old) had a backup fail-safe beacon on 144.39 [MHz] that would activate after any unknown spacecraft reset to give us a backup comm link in case the primary 145.825 channel died.

Being on the North American APRS frequency with hundreds of IGates there would always be at least one that would hear this "emergency call home" from PCSAT even though the channel is generally saturated. And it worked.

The problem is, that now PCSAT resets on every orbit due to negative power budget and so, on every orbit that beacon comes back on. Even if we did get a command up to reset it, that setting would last only 15 minutes to the next eclipse.

We learned our lesson! That was our FIRST amateur satellite and we sure learned NOT to use a "connected-packet-command link" that needs ACKS and Retries and logon passwords just to LOGON before you can even send a SHUTUP command.

All our satellites since operate without the multiple Send, Connect, ACK, retry, ACK, Command, ACK overhead ... just to get one command understood. Now, only the receiver on the spacecraft has to be functional to command it to silence in a single packet. But too late for PCSAT.

We are sorry that we have no good answers. But we hope we can mitigate this instance of "friendly fire" collateral damage so that we don't cause an overall black-eye to amateur radio overall friendly operations?``

An extra-terrestrial radio source is outside Ofcomís jurisdiction, but the US Navy may be in breach of International Telecommunications Union regulations, which stipulate that radio transmitters remain under control.

In time, the solar cells will stop holding enough charge, and the orbit of NO-44 will decay, with the satellite burning up, but this is many years, perhaps decades away. Until then, the frequency remains very difficult to use.

Any option to fix the problem would be pretty over the top. The US Air Force could send up its X-37B space plane or they could ask the Chinese to deploy a satellite killer. Indeed, El Reg could even send a Playmonaut up to fix it. Æ (via DXLD)

** IRAN. VIRI IRIB, very odd frequency, defective transmitter Zahedan:
1653-0020 9421v500 kW / 289 deg NEAf Arabic, instead of 9420 Aug. 3
0023-0220 9510 500 kW / 289 deg NEAf Arabic, not checked Aug. 4
0223-0520 11660 500 kW / 289 deg NEAf Arabic, exact freq. Aug. 4
0523-1420 15750 500 kW / 289 deg NEAf Arabic, exact freq. Aug. 4
1423-1650 11985 500 kW / 289 deg WeAs Azeri, not checked Aug. 3
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/08/viri-irib-on-very-odd-frequency-via.html
(Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1785, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** IRAQ [and non]. RADIO FREE IRAQ SIGNS OFF AFTER 17 YEARS OF SERVICE
July 30, 2015

WASHINGTON -- RFE/RLís Arabic Service to Iraq, Radio Free Iraq (RFI) will air its final broadcast on July 31. The resources of RFI will be merged with Radio Sawa Iraq to provide the audience with extensive Iraq-specific news and informational programming. The new Radio Sawa Iraq programming will be broadcast on both its existing frequency and those of RFI during a period of transition.

In recognition of their service, BBG Chairman Jeffrey Shell presented letters of appreciation to RFI colleagues, noting that, ì[Radio Free Iraqís] coverage of all sides of Iraqís political scene has been unparalleled and deeply appreciated by its audience, as has its coverage of news from throughout the country with its wide network of regional correspondents. Iraqi decision makers have considered RFI a must listen or read in their daily news diet while Iraqi citizens have expressed gratitude to RFI for providing a platform for them to raise their voices and concerns.î

RFE/RL Editor-in-Chief Nenad Pejic paid tribute to the sacrifices made by RFI colleagues to deliver the news in a country riven by constant political turmoil, violence, and war. A bomb blast at the AlHamra Hotel in Baghdad in 2005 ripped apart the Serviceís bureau, two correspondents - Khamail Muhsin Khalaf and Nazar Abdulwahid al-Radhi - were murdered in 2007, and RFI Baghdad Bureau chief Dr. Muhammad Bdaiwi Owaid al-Shammari was shot dead at a checkpoint in 2014 while on his way to work. RFI correspondents have also suffered kidnappings, death threats, harassment, and physical injury while reporting the news.

In remarks to RFI staff members, Middle East Broadcasting Networks

(MBN) President Brian Conniff said that, ìAt this moment in history, when Iraq is threatened by an extremist Islamic insurgency and faces numerous challenges in rebuilding from decades of open warfare and authoritarian rule, we believe adding RFIís signature programming to the Radio Sawa Iraq lineup will provide the audience high quality content that will enhance their listening experience.î MBN manages and oversees Radio Sawa.

Radio Free Iraq was created by RFE/RL in 1998, in response to direction from the U.S. Congress. Led first by former U.S. Ambassador to Iraq David Newton, and since 2004 by journalist Sergei Danilochkin, it has provided accurate and non-sectarian news and information to local audiences and fostered informed debate of issues that are not otherwise reported in Iraqís ethnically, politically and religiously fragmented media.

http://www.rferl.org/content/release-radio-free-iraq-signs-off-after-17-years-of-service/27161327.html

*30 October 1998
1998-2004 on short wave
2002-2013 on medium wave (first Armenia 1314 kHz, later Kuwait 1593 kHz)
after 2003 on FM, 2015 13 cities
http://www.iraqhurr.org/
closure already proposed in 2012
(Dr. Hansjoerg Biener, WORLD OF RADIO 1785, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** IRELAND. So, has anyone heard it this weekend?? (Glenn Hauser, DXLDyg and BDXC-UK yg via DXLD) I.e., this:

``Euro radio on 6205 kHz from 1 August "The countdown is on! Euro radio, Europe's brand new shortwave radio station on 6205 kHz from 1 August 2015! Our brand new 2 kW transmitter soon to be activated on 6205 kHz. Get your programmes and podcasts on air to a pan European audience with Euro Radio. Our rates are the lowest in Europe! The more airtime you buy, the cheaper it gets! Email for details euroradio@gmx.com This station does not stream on the internet. You need a shortwave radio. It's a simple concept that has worked well for almost a century. Just tune your radio to 6205 kHz from 1 August!" (Euro Radio 6205 Facebook via Mike Terry, July BDXC-UK Communication via WORLD OF RADIO 1784, DXLD)``

No reports of anything being received and no comment from the station on its Facebook page. See reports of non reception on the 20 July 1214 post, similar on one of the pirate/free radio boards. Euro Radio 6205
https://www.facebook.com/euroradio6205?fref=ts
(Mike Barraclough, 0907 UT Aug 3, DXLD yg via DXLD)

And no signal right now on the Twente receiver. 73, (Erik K¯ie, Copenhagen, 0917 UT Ayg 3, ibid.)

An update has been posted on Facebook - "There has been a delay in our commencement (sic) of broadcasting due to the fact that the company (in Greece) providing some of our transmitter equipment going out of business. We are having the equipment custom built by another company and will be on as soon as posible (sic)." (Stephen Cooper, UK, 1155 UT August 3, dxldyg WORLD OF RADIO 1785, via DXLD) i.e.:

https://www.facebook.com/euroradio6205/posts/459376534241008 (via Mike Barraclough, BDXC-UK yg via DXLD) Further FB comments:

Carlo Degli Anelli: Did Mr Yanis Karamanis fooled you as well? He took 1.000 of my euros and disappeared. frown emoticon Yesterday at 7:43am

Euro Radio 6205 khz: He tried to managed to get it back though Yesterday at 7:58am

Carlo Degli Anelli: Not with me, he is not answering anymore to my email... Yesterday at 8:06am

Euro Radio 6205 khz: No he doesn't answer my email now either but never mind, our new transmitter is being prepared and will be radiating 2.4 kW of power very soon! Yesterday at 11:14am

Carlo Degli Anelli: Fine and --- long life to shortwave! smile emoticon 1 Yesterday at 2:27pm (via DXLD)

** IRELAND NORTHERN [non]. [Re 15-30, WOR 1784, R. Northern Ireland] --- Hello Glenn, Thank you very much for the mention on your show! I really appreciate it a lot.

Just to give you some information about Radio Northern Ireland after a bit of trail and error I have decided to stick with the Sunday schedule of 2100 UT. I was on the air again tonight and heard in Krasnodar in Russia. I am on HF Underground which I will post any updates if there is a change I always put up a post to give an advance warning that I will be broadcasting.

Keep up the good work Glenn and I am very honoured to have been mentioned on your show. P.S I would love to send you a QSL card if you would like one it's not often you get mentioned by a big name in the shortwave world! Best regards, (Jordan Heyburn - Radio Northern Ireland, August 3, WORLD OF RADIO 1785, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Tnx, Jordan. So the ``Jordan`` postings about this at HFU are from the

producer of RNI itself (gh, DXLD)

** JAPAN [non]. 5985, RJ/NHKWR (via WRMI-Okeechobee) 0454-0500* 31 July. A Friday punch-up error? NHKWR's Russian programme doing nicely with ID/website info just before closing pop song & 3+1 NHK pips. Aoki has NHKWR in Spanish 0400-0430 daily & WRMI with "Viva Miami" (0430-0445) and "Acontecer Venezolano" (0445-0500) listed for Fridays in Spanish. Recheck at 0440-0500* 1 August had listed "Frecuencia Al Dia" going strong with WRMI/Radio Miami Internacional ID, and p-mail address and close (Dan Sheedy, Encinitas, CA G5/6m X wire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KAZAKHSTAN. Kyrillische Buchstaben auf der Website von R. Kasachstan

Montag
<http://kazradio.kaztrk.kz/ru/programs/dostyk-nemis>
Freundschaft in der Deutschen Sprache 21.06 LT

Dienstag
<http://kazradio.kaztrk.kz/ru/programs/dostyk-uigur>
Freundschaft in der Uigurischen Sprache 21.06 LT

Mitwoch
<http://kazradio.kaztrk.kz/ru/programs/dostyk-korei>
Freundschaft in der Koreanischen Sprache 21.06 LT

Donnerstag:
Keine Angabe einer Sprache 21.06 LT

Freitag
Keine Angabe einer Sprache 21.06 LT

Samstag
Keine Angabe einer Sprache 21.06 LT

Sonntag:
Freundschaft Melodie/Musik, Konzert 21.01 LT

"Folge/Sendereihe Freundschaft.
Sendezeit in MESZ/CEST von 1705-1730 anscheinend bestaetigt.
Hier noch einmal relevante Links

<http://kazradio.kaztrk.kz/ru/programs/live>
(Online)

<http://kazradio.kaztrk.kz/ru/programs/timetable>
(Programm-Uebersicht)

<rtmp:\\89.218.74.226:1936/kazrv/kazrv?80>
(Stream-Daten fuer vlc-Player)

<http://kazradio.kaztrk.kz/ru/programs/dostyk-tatar>

Hier ein Hinweis auf eine woechentliche Sendung in Tatarischer Sprache am Pjatniza/Freitag, 5. Tag der Woche, 1535 LT. Ist aber so nicht im Programmplan der Woche zu finden, vermutlich der 21.06 LT-Termin. Die Ziele des Programms - Erlaeuterungen der staatlichen Politik zur Staerkung der zwischen-ethnischen Harmonie / Beziehungen und Schaffung von einer Staatsbuerger-Identitaet (Thomas Schweder-D / Roger Thauer-D, A-DX July 31 via BCDX Aug 4 via DXLD)

** KIRIBATI. Kiribati on 1440 from near Florence, OR --- While DXing at a place called Sans Souci - between Florence and Yachats, OR - I heard what I believe to be Kiribati on 1440 kHz following a tip from Chuck Hutton. I was using a 160í DKAZ with 902 ohms Rt [termination resistance] pointing about 235 degrees, pictured here:
http://realmonitor.com/grayland12/IMG_1833.jpg

At 0800 UT on July 30th I heard the following unmistakable island choral version of ìOh What A Friend We Have In Jesusî under KMED - starts at :14. Kudos to Guy Atkins for recognizing the hymn.
http://realmonitor.com/grayland12/150730/SS/0800/kiribati-1440-0800.wav

Then, at the very end of a 1000 UT TOH wav file I heard what I believe is the Kiribati national anthem - starts at about :16
http://realmonitor.com/grayland12/150730/SS/1000/kiribati-1440.wav

I used this YouTube to compare what I heard to the Kiribati national anthem and am pretty certain they match:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-Pn9vHqkCwA
(Bill Whitacre, Alexandria, VA, Aug 3, NRC AM via DXLD)

** KOREA NORTH [non]. 6020 (ex 5985), Shiokaze/Sea Breeze via Yamata (Japan), 1337, Aug 3. In Japanese; fair, already jammed by N. Korea; now totally covering VOV4. Aoki shows Shiokaze first here July 31. Aug 3, Myanmar on 5985 in the clear with almost fair reception (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, E1 & CR-1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1785, DX LISTENING DIGEST) see VIETNAM

JAPAN (non), Frequency change of Shiokaze Sea Breeze from July 31
1330-1400 NF 6020 YAM 100 kW / 280 deg to NEAs, ex 5985 Japanese Mon
1330-1400 NF 6020 YAM 100 kW / 280 deg to NEAs, ex 5985 Chinese Tue
1330-1400 NF 6020 YAM 100 kW / 280 deg to NEAs, ex 5985 Japanese Wed
1330-1400 NF 6020 YAM 100 kW / 280 deg to NEAs, ex 5985 English Thu
1330-1400 NF 6020 YAM 100 kW / 280 deg to NEAs, ex 5985 Korean Fri

1330-1400 NF 6020 YAM 100 kW / 280 deg to NEAs, ex 5985 Korean Sat
1330-1400 NF 6020 YAM 100 kW / 280 deg to NEAs, ex 5985 Japanese Sun
1400-1430 NF 6020 YAM 100 kW / 280 deg to NEAs, ex 5985 Japanese Mon
1400-1430 NF 6020 YAM 100 kW / 280 deg to NEAs, ex 5985 Korean Tue
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1400-1430 NF 6020 YAM 100 kW / 280 deg to NEAs, ex 5985 Korean Fri
1400-1430 NF 6020 YAM 100 kW / 280 deg to NEAs, ex 5985 Japanese Sat
1400-1430 NF 6020 YAM 100 kW / 280 deg to NEAs, ex 5985 Korean Sun
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/08/frequency-change-of-shiokaze-sea-breeze.html
(Ivo Ivanov, dxldyg via DXLD) What about the 1600 broadcast, QSY? (gh)

** KOREA NORTH [non]. CLANDESTINE broadcasts to NORTH KOREA, part two:
Radio Free North Korea
from 1320 on 15640 DB 100 kW / 071 deg to NEAs Korean
Furusato no Kaze
from 1430 on 9960 HBN 100 kW / 345 deg to NEAs Japanese
from 1600 on 9960 HBN 100 kW / 345 deg to NEAs Japanese
Radio Free Chosun
from 1435 on 11570 TAC 100 kW / 070 deg to NEAs Korean, see
North Korea Reform Radio
from 1445 on 11550 PUG 125 kW / 010 deg to NEAs Korean
Nippon no Kaze
from 1500 on 9975 HBN 100 kW / 345 deg to NEAs Korean
from 1530 on 9965 HBN 100 kW / 345 deg to NEAs Korean
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/08/clandestine-broadcasts-to-north-korea.html
73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, Aug 5-6, Equipment: Sony ICF-2001D 30 m, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KOREA SOUTH. 5857.5, HLL HLL2 Meteo Radio Seoul, H3E mode transmission in Korean language, at 1045 UT on Aug 5, S=7 signal heard in Alberta CAN (Wolfgang B¸schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Aug 5, dxldyg via DXLD)

** KURDISTAN [non]. 11600, Radyoya Denge Kurdistane broadcast SUFFERED heavily by nearby RTTY ditter signal on center 11598 kHz, at 0704 UT on Aug 5th, annoying audio of S=8 ute signal strength (Wolfgang B¸schel, Log 06-07 UT Aug 5, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Denge Kurdistan, change of transmitter from Grigoriopol to Secretbrod
till 1415 on 11600 KCH 300 kW / 116 deg to WeAs Kurdish, ex till 1300
from 1415 on 11600*SCB 100 kW / 090 deg to WeAs Kurdish, ex from 1300
* plus spurs on 11570 under Radio Free Chosun and 11630 under CNR-17.
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/08/denge-kurdistan-change-of-tx-from.html
73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, Equipment: Sony ICF-2001D 30 m, Aug 5-6, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) Permanent or anomalous? (gh)

** KYRGYZSTAN [and non]. 5130, Sedaye Zindagi. A station known with different names like Maranatha, Sadaye Zindagi etc. On 11/7 & 12/7 (Sat & Sun) only Greek pirate music radio was reported (3rd harmonic of 1710 kHz) at 1550-1640.

On 13/7 Zindagi was noted *1630ñ1755*; the ID at 1640 was ìSedaye Zindadghiî & religious tc [timecheck?] in VE[rnacular?]. SZ Radio is radio stream of Afghan Christian R & TV. The schedule seems Mon-Fri 1630-1755 (Rumen Pankov, Sofia, BULGARIA Sony ICF2001D (Folded Marconi antenna), Aug Australian DX News via WORLD OF RADIO 1785, DXLD)

No country heading in ADXN: everybody is supposed to know where this and every other log is from (gh, ibid.)

** MALAYSIA. [cf 15-30, SARAWAK:] KTS LAUNCHES 24-HOUR CHINESE RADIO STATION FOR SARAWAK, SABAH === Read more: http://www.theborneopost.com/2015/08/02/kts-launches-24-hour-chinese-radio-station-for-sarawak-sabah/#ixzz3hae0Avpn

KUCHING: TEA 102.7 FM, a new 24-hour Chinese radio station operated by KTS Group of Companies, is now on the air. It was launched yesterday, in conjunction with the 27th anniversary celebration of Kuching City. The ceremony was also a significant one as the state capital received its new status as the ëCity of Unityí ñ a recognition given by the 1Malaysia Foundation.

Notable persons who spoke on air were Second Finance Minister Dato Sri Wong Soon Koh who is also Local Government and Community Development Minister, Kuching South City Council (MBKS) mayor Datuk James Chan, Padawan Municipal Council (MPP) chairman Lo Khere Chiang, SUPP president Senator Datuk Dr Sim Kui Hian, local community leaders Temenggong Lu Kim Yong and Richard Wee, as well as state DAP chairman Chong Chieng Jen and state PKR vice chairman See Chee How. They commended the initiators for new setup ñ first of its kind in Sarawak and Sabah ñ apart from congratulating them.

This radio station ñ a joint-venture between KTS and Redberry ñ aired its theme tune ëTEA FM Always With Youí at 10.27 am yesterday to signify its launch.

The jingle was composed by the stationís person-in-charge of the English Section and Business Development, April Lau together with her team comprising Emily Voong, Adrian Lim and Alester Leong. According to a statement from the station, listeners in Kota Kinabalu will get the broadcast this Aug 8 via the FM 102.8 band.

The event here also hosted TEA FM person-in-charge Chia Chiew Boon,

the deejays and members of the production, sales and marketing as well as administrative teams, who all gathered for a group photo to mark the launch.

The new radio station is staffed by a group of dedicated and talented people who have the passion for great music and aim to bring fun, entertainment and news updates to the listeners. TEA FM deejays comprise programme manager Jean Lai, together with Joyce, Kenji, Brian and Jacob. It will also collaborate with associate newspapers The Borneo Post, See Hua Daily News and Oriental Daily.

On weekdays from 6 to 10 am [UT +8], the ëMorning Beatí segment features DJ Joyce and Kenji, who present traffic reports and great music to start the day.

From 10 am to noon, the ëMusic Playstationí brings you various hit songs, followed by the ëMid-Day Breakieí from noon to 4 pm that shares useful tips on work, health and lifestyle.

The ëCruisiní Mixí, hosted by DJ Jean, Brian and Jacob from 4 to 7 pm, is set to entertain listeners throughout the peak hours.

From 7 to 8pm, the station airs the ëMusic Podí, followed by ëOn The Beatí that broadcasts different genres of English songs from 8 to 11 pm. The ëMusic Back 2 Backí, on the other hand, features non-stop music from 11 pm to 6 am.

TEA FM also airs fun-filled programmes during the weekends, with special guest hosts coming in to share their views and experience on food, music and life with the listeners. The station also features English and Korean songs, apart from Chinese hits.

In commemorating its launch, TEA FM is giving away prizes worth RM13,000 to lucky listeners in its month-long campaign. All they need to do is to call the station and shout out ëëTEA FM ñ Tian Tian Ting, Tian Tian Songí (TEA FM ñ Listen Everyday, Gifts Everyday) to win hampers. Those who call during the ëBonus Hourí (10-11 am) stand a chance to win Gree air-conditioner units.

Another highlight is the ëTEA FM On Air ñ Ten-Thousand Prize For Youí ñ a question-and-answer game show that offers each lucky here listener a cash prize of RM100. Yesterday, three callers won prizes in the form of a Gree air-conditioning unit, RM100 cash and a bag of gifts.

The station is also holding its ëTEA N MEí Facebook challenge every Saturday, offering each winner RM500. All they have to do is to ëlikeí the stationís Facebook page at http://www.facebook.com/teafm1027 --- upload a photo that celebrates TEA FM there and captions it creatively

in no more than 30 words.

The ëTEA N MEí contest is exclusively for participants from Sarawak and Sabah. For more updates, stay tune[d] to FM 102.7 (Kuching) and FM 102.8 (Kota Kinabalu), call 082-341027, or connect to WhatsApp via 013-8371027. Read more:
http://www.theborneopost.com/2015/08/02/kts-launches-24-hour-chinese-radio-station-for-sarawak-sabah/#ixzz3haduOvNm
Posted by: (JOSE MIGUEL ROMERO ROMERO, Aug 1, dxldyg via DXLD)

See also SARAWAK [non]. The suffix in the URL at the bottom is different from the one at the top: we see more and more of these on presslinx, which ought to be unnecessary: I assume they are some kind of tracking code? (gh, DXLD)

** MALAYSIA. RTM Sarawak FM, 9835, 1418 31 JUL - in MALAY from KAJANG. SINPO = 35222. ?Asian Language?, pop music. Female announcer/DJ. 1423z male announcer with quick remote interviews. 1427 music continues. Sf 102.5, a 12, k 3, geomag: unsettled. 100 kW, beamAz 93deg, bearing 310deg. Sangean ATS505 with Kaito KA33 in west facing window. Received at Las Vegas, United States, 14242 km from transmitter at Kajang. Local time: 0718. 73s, (Rodney Johnson, NV, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. 540, July 30 at 0542 UT tune-in, ``La Ranchera de PaquimÈ, 540 AM y 90.5 FM`` ID, so XETX is still going, despite recent unexplained unlogs; only poor signal now but readable. Nuevo Casas Grandes, Chihuahua with frequent IDs (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO [and non]. 620, July 31 at 0459 UT, ``La NorteÒita`` briefly overrides KMKI The Metroplex, i.e. XEBU, Chihuahua2; and KMKI, technically Plano, is still Radio Disney tho it`s being sold to the cluster including KSKY-660 officially licensed to another suburb (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. 6185-, August 2 at 0534, XEPPM carrier still on after 0500v* sign-off, slightly on the lo side as ever (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. Sporadic E NTSC TVDX opening, morning of July 30, UT:

1454 on 2, fade-in Spanish audio

1456 on 2, f bug in LR, i.e. Televisa-4 net, maybe relay by local

1526 on 2, fade-in Spanish ad

1537 on 2, infomercial for exercise bike, CCI

1547 on 2, animation, Televisa-5 bug in LR, CCI

1559 on 3, animation, Televisa-5 bug in LR, // 2 but not synchronized. Less CCI on 3

1610 on 2, animated 5 logo full screen; more to come?

Sporadic E NTSC TVDX July 30, continued from last report, UT:

1630 on 2, still CCI

1658 on 4, Spanish audio more than video

1701 on 4, promo for `La Isla de las Almas Perdidas``, viernes en Canal 5

1732 on 2 and 4, still signals

1750 on 2, heavy CCI, overcome by Azteca-7 promo; algo on 4

1754 on 4, close to same offset (zero?) CCI with KFOR analog cable radiation; f bug in LR: Televisa 4; stronger at 1758

1800 on 4, promo for ElTrece.mx = Azteca 13 net; CCI; 1801 Diputados PSA

1808 on 2, novela, Televisa 2 star bug LR, CCI

1811 on 2, novela, TeleVer script bug in LR = XHFM Veracruz

1817 on 2, animation audio echoing, probably net 5, other CCI

1824 on 5, Televisa 2 star bug in LR, novela; all stronger now

1824 on 3, Televisa 5 bug LR in animation

1825 on 4, ghosty kid show, primary colors seem out of phase, offset horizontally: odd effect; other CCI

1826 on 5, Televisa 2 novela, snow-free

1843 on 4, Trece bug in UR, YL hostesses about adopting animals? One YL in shorts, ``tutorial`` about Misoterapia for different groups, Trolls, Haters, etc.

1846, 6m Es map shows 58 MHz MUF over DM46, ignoring real MUF; a few

contacts across Texas. I need to go out while opening continues? By the time I get back, it`s over (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. RAYMIE`S MEXICO BEAT, this week:

Repacking scares Televisa. [for linx to each see]: http://forums.wtfda.org/showthread.php?9113-OPMA-is-changing&p=36341#post36341

Exhibit 1: XHCDO moves from 45 to 36/intermittent. This was reported as happening, and it's here to stay.

Exhibit 2: XHMLC applies for TDT 42, then goes to 29/intermittent.

Exhibit 3: XHNOS-TDT was allotted for 49 and XHNON-TDT for 41. They went to XHNOS-TDT 41 and XHNON-TDT 38/intermittent.

Exhibit 4: XHAPT-TDT went for 39 then changed to 17/intermittent.

Exhibit 5: XHBQ-TDT from channel 43 to 17.

I could go on and on: Sabinas/Nueva Rosita, etc.

Also found in my recent hunting for IFT documents, some notable documents about SHADOW CHANNELS!

- The first one I found: the authorization for shadow XHAW-TDT 26 in Guadalupe, NL. Its ERP is 4.761 kW.

- Also: shadow XEX-TDT 42 in Cuernavaca and XHTM-TDT 36, both ERP 45 kW.

- On top of that: shadow XEZ and XHZ Cerro El Cimatario Qro.; 9 and 10 kW. No listings for Celaya or XHQCZ.

- And: shadow XHUAA Tecate (22, Cerro La Nopalera, 4.57 kW), as well as similar shadow XEWT-TDT 32.

"Es la televisiÛn de Dios, porque nadie la ve." ó Javier Castillo Castillo, El Universal (tagline on every post; Raymie Humbert, Phúnix AZ, Raymie`s Mexico Beat, July 31, WTFDA Forum via DXLD)

Televisa sure is working hard, with the DTV conversion and repacking both taking place (Danny Oglethorpe, Shreveport, LA, ibid.)

No kidding. They are actually doing a great job (better than Azteca) at actively avoiding even building stations above channel 38. Not just that but almost all their stations are on air. There are quite a few unlisted stations that are on air ó Ciudad Delicias, Ciudad del

Carmen, etc.

Speaking of working hard, we have an update on Colima's SPR transmitter. The tower, feed line, antenna and electrical service are all in, as are the satellite dishes to downlink the feed. All that is left is installing the transmitter and finishing the building. It's worth noting that quite a few of the SPR/OPMA transmitter sites (here's Monterrey, for instance)
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EDeDkB8LJYQ
have living quarters on the mountain because access is difficult (Raymie, ibid.)

Line item: Televisa is definitely on in Atotonilco el Alto. We had one of the two authorizations in the book. XHATJ-TDT is not in any lists, but XHATU-TDT 49 is. The only other channel available for transmissions here is 36.

A date in the very near future is worth noting: August 15, the date that every television station in Mexico, with the exception of permit stations under 1 kW (VHF)/10 kW (UHF) ERP, must be on in digital. Most digital stations are likely to be on the air already, and most of the exceptions are these permit stations and a couple of commercial stations. (XHENB-29 is a commercial station in particular danger.)

Also, I have a ParametrÌa poll,
http://www.animalpolitico.com/2015/08/televisa-y-tv-azteca-las-mas-conocidas-pero-las-peor-calificadas-parametria/
on the approval ratings of various television stations and networks, to chew through:

http://forums.wtfda.org/showthread.php?9113-OPMA-is-changing&p=36367#post36367

So this national poll measured public opinion about various media outlets, as well as their name recognition. Televisa and Azteca are universally recognized but also the ones with the lowest approval ratings (though 70% is still absurdly high compared to some of the US equivalents).

Then you go down the list. Canal Once is the only other media outlet with more than 50% name recognition and the best-ranked public broadcaster. (Yikes, that's low!) Then you get to Foro TV and Proyecto 40 (why are these separate from Televisa and Azteca?); P40 actually does pretty well, #3 on the list. Two cable outlets, CNN and Milenio TelevisiÛn, snuck on the list and got honors as the most regarded.

Then we tumble down to the three least-recognized: Canal 22, Canal 28 (cadenatrÈs) and Canal 34 (the Edomex state network, referenced here by its Mexico City channel number). This is a national poll. The low

name recognition for Canal 34 is not surprising, given the channel's reach is Edomex plus the Mexico City area ó it kind of doesn't belong here. Expect the Canal 28/cadenatres recognition number to go up big time starting next year, of course; they are considered the third-worst, barely being better than Azteca, in terms of effective public opinion. This is just...an odd poll, in terms of methodology. Last edited by Raymie; 08-02-2015 at 10:46 PM (Raymie, Aug 2, ibid.)

That is an interesting poll. Once (and state networks) would likely trade some of the positive feedback for some of Televisa's viewership and money (Danny, Shreveport, LA, Aug 3, ibid.)

And some of their national coverage.

Canal Once is still only available over-the-air in 66% of the country (that number will go up to 75% when all third-wave SPR transmitters are multiplexed) whereas each of the four national networks are over that number (CE has the gold standard at 98% coverage, the Aztecas are in the 90% range and then I think C5 has somewhere in the 80s). Meanwhile, there are networks in 25 (soon to be 26, with the addition of Zacatecas) states. (No state TV network in BC, Chih, Coah, Tamps, Dgo or Sin. There are state radio networks in Coahuila (SER), Tamaulipas (Radio Tamaulipas) and Sinaloa (Radio Sinaloa).)

I wouldn't be surprised if they surveyed people in Monterrey and they responded about their Canal 34 (Televisa Monterrey/XHCNL)... (Raymie, ibid.)

I need to award a headdesk to Televisa.

Apparently effective July 30, they decided Ju·rez viewers, who had just come off an apagÛn, needed to be confused more. So what did they do? They decided they needed a callsign switch.

So now if you are in Ju·rez and you punch in channel 2-1, you're greeted with XHJCI, tucanal. 32-1 is XEPM, Canal de las Estrellas.

What in the name of cake? Did the IFT come in and say "you're doing this wrong"? Is this a mistake on Televisa's part? (Not likely, as apparently there are now XHJCI "tucanal" IDs.)

Does Televisa think it is Sinclair, which orchestrated a physical channel swap in Vegas recently and almost did the same thing in Harrisburg, PA, in 2014? Is this their feeble attempt at commemorating the 20th anniversary (September 10, 1am ET) of the Miami channel 4/6 switch of 1995? (Raymie, Aug 3, ibid.)

Remember that I recorded a TDT message on XEPM-2 on June 10th

promoting that channel 41 was the "digital" channel of "tucanal." (Danny, Shreveport, LA, Aug 3, ibid.)

I remember that. I think Televisa confused themselves and ultimately had to fix things by switching the stations. They probably had XEPM-TDT on 41 and XHJCI-TDT on 29 in their mind. To correct the problem, they switched the stations' physical channel numbers to be correct but left virtual channel numbers unchanged (Raymie, Aug 3, ibid.)

While the IFT does a whole lot of nothing --- I found the most important concession in analog Mexican TV history: the TelevisiÛn de la Provincia concession of 1982, with 95 new Televisa stations in it. (This is why the CE network is so big.) A couple oddities:

-XHCIC Cintalapa, Chis. was assigned channel 4+ before becoming 12. (Did an issue with XHAO Tuxtla force the move? But both Cintalapa and Tuxtla have 12s)

-XHTOL was on channel 9. (It's now on channel 10. Most likely reason: XHIMT. Basically all of channels 7, 8, 9 and 10 in Mexico City, Toluca and Puebla was reorganized.) (Raymie, Aug 4, ibid.)

WHERE ARE MEXICAN CALLSIGNS MADE: THE FM BAND

The FM band is perhaps the most intriguing when it comes to callsigns. With the most stations (1243 ó there are 402 AMs and around 700 unique TVs), the most owners and the most chaos in recent years, FM has many unique callsign types.

The Grandfathered: XE Callsigns

A few dozen stations carry XE- callsigns, all adopted from sister stations (or one-time sisters) on FM. These are among Mexico's oldest radio stations, all dating at least to the 70s. Additionally there were several more FMs, mostly in Mexico City, that were XE- but now bear XH- callsigns.

Callsigns of this type were phased out in the 1970s. Among the more notable are XETRA-FM Tijuana, XEWV-FM Mexicali and XEDA-FM Mexico City, which have since separated from their namesake AMs. (The first two have also had the AMs change calls.)

The Variety: Four-Letter Calls

What do XHEM and XHPR (Veracruz, Ver.) have in common? They are named for the same person: original concessionaire Emmy Pinto Reyes. Similarly, XHVG in Mexicali is named for JoaquÌn Vargas GÛmez ó and yes, MVS still owns the station. Tijuana's XHRM was awarded to the concessionaire Radio Moderna Mexicana, S.A. Many of these seem random,

and many of their callsign meanings were hard to find until the RPC came about.

There are also four-letter calls for localities. XHSB is in Santa Barbara, Chih. XHVE is in, you guessed it, Veracruz.

And lastly, there are the random ones. There used to be an XHQF-FM in Tijuana. Many AM-FM migrants with their sequential AM calls also belong in this category.

Named for Locality: Five-Letter Calls

Many FMs are named for a locality, usually automatically when the station was put out for bid. The callsign may predate the station being awarded. Sometimes the locality can be...obscure. This category also applies to a good number of AM-FM migrants.

Examples: XHEPR (El PoRvenir) Ciudad Ju·rez, Chih.; XHTNO (TulaNcingO) Tulancingo, Hgo.; XHLOS (MontemoreLOS) Montemorelos, Nuevo LeÛn.

Named for an Institution: Five- and Six-Letter Calls

In this category are most university stations (e.g. XHRUY, XHUDEM) as well as a host of permit and social use concession stations. XHARO, a community radio station in Cd. NezahualcÛyotl, Edomex, is permitted to Radio Aro, A.C. XHYRE in MÈrida, Yucat·n is the first ever FM repeater for Radio EducaciÛn. IMER has two Mexico City radio stations named for it: XHIMER and XHIMR.

AM-FM Migrants: Changes in Calls

All AM-FM migrants changed their calls, in one of three ways:

* From XE to XH, no changes. Example: XEXM --> XHXM Jerez, Zac. Most stations have this type.
* From XE to XHE. Example: XEMIT --> XHEMIT Comit·n de DomÌnguez, Chis.
* In a few cases, the callsign also had an added letter, usually for the state. Examples: XEA --> XHAC (Campeche); XENA --> XHNAQ (QuerÈtaro); XEFC --> XHFCY (Yucat·n). Presumably this was done to avoid duplication, but there are a grand total of 23 pairs of duplicated call signs. XHAC is one of them; XEAC-AM in Aguascalientes became XHAC-FM (Raymie, Aug 5, ibid.)

Mexico's newest television station is officially on the air. As of today, XHHCU-TDT 45 Mexico City is on the air with Canal del Congreso in HD (it has been SD during the past few weeks of testing). There will also be subchannels for each chamber of Mexico's legislature.

Now the Congress has set its sights on possibly adding a radio station
http://www.eluniversal.com.mx/articulo/nacion/politica/2015/08/4/ahora-vamos-por-una-estacion-de-radio-del-congreso
to go along with its new TV station. There aren't many open frequencies that aren't tied up in something ó they could probably get an expanded-band AM. They are also gunning for national broadcast coverage, which I expect will come with changes to the SPR multiplex and the possible adoption of MPEG-4 compression on the SPR transmitter network (Raymie, Aug 5, ibid.)

Much good reading, Raymie. Thanks for the articles. Cinco now has so many relayers on the low band that it is common here to have Cinco relayers on 2, 3, 4, and 5 at the same time (Danny, LA, Aug 5, ibid.)

And there are some big CE repeaters on UHF and high-V as a result. San Luis PotosÌ 27, Zamora 28 and Apatzing·n 47 are the special cases where they used to be C5 outlets (Raymie, ibid.)

** MONACO. Hi Glenn, Since August 1st, China Radio International leave MONACO. The MW 702 kHz is OFF and on FM 96.4 MHz there is a new station (with relay from Nice Radio). Regards and 73ís (Christian Ghibaudo, Nice, France, August 3, WORLD OF RADIO 1785, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also FRANCE

** MYANMAR. 9590, Thazin Radio, Pyin U Lwin (presumed). EZL SE Asian tunes 1030-1058, when blocked comprehensively by Tibet, 1/8 (Craig Seager, VK2HBT, Bathurst NSW (Perseus SDR, Horizontal Loop, Wellbrook AFI 5030 Isolator, Kiwa Preamp), August Australian DX News via DXLD)

** NIGERIA. Was macht eigentlich die Voice of Nigeria? Immer wieder eine interessante Frage --- Leider habe ich in den letzten Wochen der Sender aus Ikorodu nicht gehˆrt. Auch die Sendungen aus Abuja kamen unregelm‰flig.

Aber heute funktionierte gegen 1200 der Livestream und er funktioniert immer noch. Das ist nicht gerade allt‰glich. Nach einem langen Teil in englisch kommt nun franzˆsisch.

In der Hˆrerpostsendung ab 12 wurden 2 Briefe vom Mai vorgelesen und die beiden jungen Frauen am Mikrofon haben zumindest angefangen, den "neuen" Sendeplan aufzusagen:

0600-0900 aus Abjuja f¸r Westafrika auf 7255 und 9690 [Stimmt nicht ganz: die 9690 schaltet nach der Hausa-Sendung zuverl‰ssig um 0655 ab ... da w¸rde sie aber f¸r frz. und engl. Doch gerade interessant, da das potenzielle Publikum in Afrika weit gestreut sein d¸rfte. Diese Sendung hat offenbar einen starken Westbeam auf beiden Frequenzen, sie

kommen auf Remote Receivern in den USA oft ausgesprochen stark, bei uns ist die 9690 um 0600 nur ein laues L¸ftchen]

1000-1600 aus Lagos via Livestream... [und weiter kamen sie nicht] Aber sp%ter wurde im franzˆsischen Dienst angesagt: 0700-0730 auf 15120 [stimmt nicht], 1445-1500 auf 9690 [vereinzelt gehˆrt].

Im englischen Dienst wurde aber auch schon 15120 ab 1000 angesagt [nie so gehˆrt] und im franzˆsischen 15120 f¸r die weiteren Sprachdienste ab 1500 [war auch vereinzelt der Fall, aber schon l%nger nicht gehˆrt] Die Leserbriefsendung hat auch einen Twitterkanal namens voiceofnigeria.org durchgegeben. Dort werden Links zu einzelnen Sendungen auf Youtube gezwitschert. Denen habe ich zum Teil nun den ersten Aufruf verschafft. Die Homepage ist zwar frisch renoviert, aber einen Sendeplan sucht man vergeblich (Thorsten Hallmann via A-DX via SW Bulletin Aug 2 via DXLD)

** NIGERIA. [the following thread wound up being decided as INDIA instead, q.v., but I am leaving it here for future edification --- gh]

9690, 1401 31 JUL - VOICE OF NIGERIA (NIGERIA) in ENGLISH from IKORODU. SINPO = 23222. English, female newscaster, slight African accent. many people interviewed had thick African accents. difficult to read over QRN. QRM from strong R. Taiwan [and/or CNR1 jammer! gh] on 9680. Middle eastern microtonal music with female vocalist at 1410z. sf102.5, a12, k3, geomag: unsettled. 250 kW, beamAz248deg, bearing66deg. Sangean ATS505 w/Kaito KA33 in west facing window. Received at Las Vegas, United States, 12090 km from transmitter at Ikorodu. Local time: 0701 (Rodney Johnson, NV, dxldyg via DXLD)

I tried to verify Ikorodu 9690 or the bc on 9690 on remote receivers around the world at that time against Voice of Nigeria livestream on several days, and I never got any hint that they are in // or even emanating from Nigeria, it simply doesn't sound Nigerian, also today. Before 1300, 9690 is completely clear, between 1300 and 1330 presumed India comes on, just before 1500 CRI joins, and just before 1600 the channel is clear again, while livestream is still running. Please check against
http://iframe.dacast.com/b/35454/c/48799
The livestream is now pretty regular. My last proper VON 9690 log at that time was in late June. Sorry, I'm very skeptical here. 73 (Thorsten Hallmann, Germany, ibid.)

Thanks Thorsten, I`ll try to verify against that stream tomorrow morning if I'm up. I only thought it had to be Nigeria because I've heard it there before and I thought I recognized the sound of the carrier (i.e. the transmitter) and the accents I was hearing definitely didn't sound Indian. I've also seen reports of that

Nigerian broadcast greatly varying in start time, but it's definitely worth a second look. 73s (Rodney Johnson, NV, ibid.)

Rodney, Like I was saying the last time you reported this as Nigeria a few weeks ago. If you can make out the content, it should be India-orientated. Also, the Nigerian transmitter (at least when heard at 0600) is off-frequency to the low side about 100 Hz, which you may be able to detect (or rather India would not be so far off). See Wolfgang`s measurements. India is also // 13710 but China ruins that after 1400; it`s clear before then. Also supposedly // 11620 but seldom heard here. These may not be exactly synchronized (Glenn Hauser, ibid.)

Hi, this transmission (the afternoon transmission of VON on 9690) wasn't off-nominal when was last on air. This is the Lagos part. VON Abuja so far didn't make it to the livestream and the stream from Lagos never made it to the Abuja transmitters. 73 (Thorsten, ibid.)

Hi Thorsten, Glenn, I tried again this local morning for Nigeria on 9690 to no avail. Conditions worse that yesterday, although adjacent Taiwan wasn't as strong. Couldn't really make out the language, mostly a female announcer speaking with some music. The stream URL Thorsten gave was offline and I couldn't find an AIR GOS stream for that sort of verification. I did manage to record a bit of it, some music, some top of the hour hoping for an intelligible ID to no avail (I will post it later). I'll keep trying (Rodney Johnson, NV, August 1, ibid.)
Continued at: INDIA

** NIGERIA. 9690-, July 31 at 0558, VON drumming prÈlude with extremely distorted modulation, // weaker 7255-, 0600 announcement opening Hausa is slightly better, merely suptorted on both (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9690, 0639 1 AUG - VOICE OF NIGERIA (NIGERIA) in HAUSA from ABUJA-LUGBE. SINPO = 25122. ?African Language?, male announcer. 0642z African music, kalimba and female vocals. 0644z male announcer continues, interviews another man on phone. couldnít verify via stream http://iframe.dacast.com/b/35454/c/48799 as stream was offline. Sf 100.8, a 14, k 3, geomag: unsettled. 250 kW, beamAz 7deg, bearing 62deg. Sangean ATS505 with Kaito KA33 in west facing window. Received at Las Vegas, United States, 12242 km from transmitter at Abuja-Lugbe. Local time: 2339. 73s (Rodney Johnson, NV, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Well, I was getting something at 1:45 am Central/0645 UT [Aug 1] on 9690, just not sure who. Voice Of Nigeria is scheduled to be on 0600 till 0900 with Hausa. What I heard on 9690 sounded like possibly an Arabic type language, which is what Hausa sounds like to me. But it

also sounded like it could've been some Indian type language as well. The 9690 broadcast cut off in mid song at 0657 UT. All India Radio isnt scheduled to be on for another 6 hours or so and their schedule says they'd be in English. I have a recording of what I heard, click the link below to listen:
http://www.onairdj.com/9690_08012015_0645UTC_145amcentral.mp3
Any idea what this is?? (Paul Walker, dxldyg via DXLD

There have been many logs of this recently [during THIS hour] by myself and others in DXLD as Voice of Nigeria in Hausa (gh, DXLD)

This was certainly Voice of Nigeria // 7255; what you hear at the end is the interval signal, as changing to French at 0700, but then usually only continuing on 7255 until 0900. This was one of the Abuja transmitters, slightly off-channel, while in the afternoons it used to be the IKO transmitter, more exactly on-frequency. You'd possibly hear the interval signal there at 1445, as it changes for French then (though exceptions are possible and not unusual: if the audio feed from Lagos studio is missing, they may fill it with prerecorded English). 73 (Thorsten Hallmann, Germany, ibid.)

So I`m guessing the online schedules for 9690 and 7255 just aren`t correct? One doesn`t have them on till 0800, one has them on 0600 to 0900, but it signed off at 0657. 7255 isn`t listed on either site till a bit later in the day (Paul Walker, Beaumont TX, ibid.)

No, the schedules published in various DX resources are in most cases incorrect in some degree, or at least outdated, as the actual broadcasting pattern (better don't call it schedule) is currently frequently changing in detail anyway. If you have, let's say, a global SW frequency list, VON is one of hundreds of stations to keep an eye on, as you never know what might suddenly change, and one of the tougher ones, as it offers no schedule at all, and there are lots of one-off irregularities. Times and frequencies announced in the programmes are also often incorrect. There is only one exception: I believe the schedule on my site is usually correct:
http://www.muenster.org/uwz/ms-alt/africalist/

At least, if changes seem to be more than just a one-off irregularity, I should be aware and updating within one weeks. And what is unclear is marked as such. 73 (Thorsten Hallmann, Germany, ibid.)

Good reception for Voice of Nigeria on Aug. 4:
1800-1930 on 9689.9*AJA 250 kW / 248 deg to WCAf English
* QRM CRI Bulgarian on 9695, R.Cairo in Russian on 9685:
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/08/weak-reception-for-voice-of-nigeria-on.html
(Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7254.937, Voice of Nigeria - with proper S=7-8 southern hemisphere winter condition signal - of Hausa service heard on both \\ 9689.894 kHz, latter with tremendous sidelobe! S=9+10dB signal strength, during time slot of morning fade-out from the south and westerly signals. 0640 UT on Aug 5 (Wolfgang B¸schel, Log 06-07 UT Aug 5, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) ?? Nigeria is not in Southern Hemisphere (gh)

** NIGERIA [non]. [Re 15-30:] Some other scheduled SW transmissions in Hausa:
0400-2305 6090v Radio Nigeria Kaduna, Kaduna-Jarji

0529-0630
6135 (Ascension 250 kW, 65 degr)
7215 (Ascension 250 kW, 55 degr)
9620 (Woofferton 250 kW, 170 degr) only Suns, BBC London

0600-0700 heard during Ramadan June-July 2015 only,
11825 (Issoudun 500 kW, 170 degr) AFRN, Nigerian Armed Forces Radio, Hausa / English. RMI Florida-USA brokered.

1830-1930 9505 (SRTC Omdurman, Al Aitahab SDN 100 kW 210 degr), Voice of Africa

2000-2100 9690v Voice of Nigeria (Ikorodu 250 kW 248 degr)

2200-2300 9690v Voice of Nigeria (Ikorodu 250 kW 248 degr)
(Wolfgang B¸schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Aug 4 via DXLD)

** NIGERIA [non]. 7415, Dandal Kura Radio via Ascension relay site noted at 0643 UT, S=6 signal in southern Germany, little bit lower strength, compared to the armada of BBC Ascension signals in 49, 41, and 31 mb in the UT morning. AID organization of Babcock brokered transmission (Wolfgang B¸schel, Log 06-07 UT Aug 5, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NORTH AMERICA. PIRATE-NA. Wolverine Radio, 6935 USB, 0156-0200+, 07-26-15, SIO: 454. "Bernadette" by The 4 tops, ID. [Lobdell-MA]

PIRATE-NA. Radio Free Whatever, 6965 AM, 0201-0350*, 07-26-15 SIO: 454. Dick Weed and Stavin with request show of rock and pop tunes, shout outs to posters on the HFU. [Lobdell-MA]

PIRATE-NA. UNIDENTIFIED, 6925 USB, 2330-2342+, 07/30/15 SIO: 343. "Davy and Goliath" audio from the Christian cartoon series, subject Communion.

PIRATE-NA. SCR536, 6935 USB, 0028-0040*, 07-31-15 SIO 343. Old news

report on fighting the Japanese on Saipan during WW II, then switch to a report on D-Day in Europe. Station name is supposedly the name of a popular WW II hand held Army walkie talkie (Chris Lobdell, Box 80146, Stoneham, MA 02180 USA, Receivers: Eton E1, JRC NRD-545, Aerials: 40 Meter dipole, G5RV, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

It's a classic; Wikipedia has a short article and photo: Size of a half-gallon milk carton, and puts out a whopping 360 mw on HF! (Gary Thorburn, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

PIRATE-NA. Ringo Shortwave, 6935 USB, 0026-0039+, 08-01-15 SIO: 454 "Music and ID" type station, playing tunes by Ringo Star such as "The No No Song" with IDs and email info announced by a male between tunes.

PIRATE-NA Amphetamine Radio, 6925 USB, 2215-2313*, 08-02-15 SIO: 343. Op testing, chatting about his equipment, played some Beach Boys, 4 Tops and signed off with Star Spangled banner. [Lobdell-MA]

PIRATE-NA. Brocket 99, 6930 USB, 2320-0021*, 08-2-15 SIO: 343. Parody of an FM station located on a Canadian-Alberta, Indian Reservation. Tunes by AC-DC, fake ads, news, interview with C&W female singer. Quite funny! For the origins of this, check Wikipedia. [Lobdell-MA]

PIRATE-NA. TCS-The Crystal Ship, 6974.91 USB, 0210-0220+, 08-3-15, SIO: 444. "The Beat Goes On" show with oldies. First time I've heard TCS in USB for a while. [Lobdell-MA]

PIRATE-NA. XLR8, 6925 USB, 0300-0320+, 08-06-15 SIO: 343. Soul tunes, including "Freddie's Dead" by Curtis Mayfield, Terse IDs. Nice audio. (Chris Lobdell, Box 80146, Stoneham, MA 02180 USA, Receivers: Eton E1, JRC NRD-545, Aerials: 40 Meter dipole, G5RV, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NORTH AMERICA. 6955-USB, July 31 at 0116, pirate music cuts on and off, S7, 0121 YL Irish(?) song, 0123 quick ID XLR8 and silence past 0131. Tuned first on the NRD-545, then on the PL-880 with reelout. Numerous other logs of this, 2355-0123*, almost all from east of here: http://www.hfunderground.com/board/index.php/topic,22753.0.html but he was on again at 0209-0241*: http://www.hfunderground.com/board/index.php/topic,22758.0.html (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA [and non]. 1120, July 31 at 0143 UT, regional Mexican music from KETU/KEOR Sperry/Catoosa/Tulsa, never any announcements, cut off the air mid-tune at 0150:11.5* UT, as I was watching my watch to estimate the SAH rate against KMOX which was then uncovered: ~6 Hz.

*0148:14.5 UT August 1, my streetlite ignites with a wideband RF noise burst, which means it`s about time to check again for KETU/KEOR

Catoosa/Sperry/Tulsa to cut off the 1120 air amid Mexican music, and that does happen at 0150:13.5*, which is 2 seconds later than last night. I wonder if it slips at a constant 2-second rate, ‡ la Radio Chaski, or just varies/margin of error. Time will tell.

August 2 at *0143:29.5 UT my streetlite ignites with RF burst, a little earlier than usual since cloudy at sunset; so then it`s to:

1120, August 2 at 0143 UT with Spanish songs until chopped off mid-tune at 0150:16.5* UT, which is 3 seconds later than last night, which was 2 seconds later than the night before, rather inconsistently. What next? Month rollover made no difference, anyway, since official Catoosa sunset in August is now 0115 UT, losing a full semi-hour from July`s 0145 UT. August sunrise: 1145 UT. Still, *never, any* announcements heard at random chex thruout the day if they are on. By when they do cut off, KMOX is already in to compete with ~6 Hz SAH, seemingly always silly baseball games (Glenn Hauser, Enid, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. 1210, August 3 at 0606 UT, KGYN Guymon is inbooming, VG with weather and ID, country music. Must not be on night pattern, supposed to null toward Cleveland; also noticed this the night before.

Make that null toward Philadelphia! (However, KGYN was originally a daytimer on 1220 until it made the Big Time in the clear-channel breakup.) Same VG signal with C&W music almost 24 hours later, August 4 at 0531 check (Glenn Hauser, Enid, WORLD OF RADIO 1785, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I would not think that adjacent-channel WHKW in Cleveland is the station that KGYN should be protecting here. WHKW's directional-24-hours-a-day pattern sends its 50,000 watt signal essentially 150 degrees and 330 degrees (or "5" and "11" if you look at the face of a wall clock) from Cleveland. This allows even stations on the same frequency as close as WERT in Van Wert, Ohio (153 miles from WHKW's transmitter) to broadcast, albeit at a limit of 250 watts. The more logical candidate for KGYN's protection (a kidney bean-shaped pattern shooting 255 degrees from Guymon) would seem to be WPHT in Philadelphia, on the same frequency and with an output of 50,000 watts non-directional. 73, (Rick Dau, South Omaha, Nebraska, Kenwood R-5000 Sangean ATS-909X, Sony ICF-2010, Quantum QX Pro loop, ABDX via DXLD)

Yes, ``Cleveland`` was a slip as explained above (gh, DXLD)

** OKLAHOMA. 1610, August 2 at 1632 UT, I find that the NRD-545 can pull in an S1 but almost readable signal of WQCL720, the NWS relay by TIS at Great Salt Plains OK; YL robot mentions conditions at Kingman, Pratt, presumably originating in Wichita KS (Glenn Hauser, Enid, DX

LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. 1680, August 2 at 1633 UT, I find another very weak daytime signal on the NRD-545: certainly not Monroe. Weaker than the 1610 TIS, but can make out loop announcements by a human OM, including ``Hi, this is ---`` and ``new carpets``, so it must be a Talking House, which have popped up before on the X-band in Enid, but not for quite a while. Switching to USB/LSB makes it *less* readable, since the frequency is wobbling, crummy TH transmitter.

I resolve to track it down by driving around Enid. No sign of it on the west side, but signal grows as I drive east on Broadway. Near the intersexion of Walnut and N 16 St, in the NE quadrant of town, it`s strong enough to copy while I park: gives phone 548-4895, Greg Jensen realtor. This house also has a new wood floor under the new carpet; 2 BR, 1 bath, brick. One-year service agreement available from Smith Real Estate. Also generic promo for the concept of Talking Houses, like I was hearing from them a few years ago. I`m running out of time, so don`t locate the exact house (no address transmitted!), but have inquired by webform to Greg, since he also mentions enidliving.com but which really forwards to Smith Real Estate, a.k.a.
http://www.eniddreamhomes.com/Default.aspx
where this house doesn`t seem to match any of the listings.

1680, went out listening for the Talking House in NE Enid afternoon of August 4, but no signal from the spot in NE quadrant of Enid where I was hearing it two days ago. Realtor never replied to my webform inquiry about its address, which may have served instead to remind him to turn it off; as previously these things were forgotten, left running after property was no longer on the market (Glenn Hauser, Enid, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. Format and slogan changes, LP stations:
OK, Tulsa, 90.1 KJZT-LP > Jazz
(FM News, August WTFDA VHF-UHF Digest via DXLD)

Well, when I was in Tulsa last month I was hearing only KUCO on 90.1 from Edmond, marginally. Radio Locator shows KJZT with 50 watts from a site in south-central Tulsa (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. With some moderate area tropo (peaking east of Kansas City per Hepburn), but antenna aimed toward OKC, I`m getting a multi-subchannel unID on RF 21 starting at 1436 UT July 30:

21-1 HSN
21-2 SBN with jsm.org address
21-3 no decode!
21-4 ONTV4U

21-5 RTVE - Retro lower-right, game show
21-6 REVN

Lost decode before I could explore what all these channels are doing, and even what the IDs stand for. I don`t find anything like this on the W9WI.com ch 21 list. Certainly it`s not Wichita or Dodge City. I was going to check rabbitears, but I don`t seem to have that URL bookmarked, and it`s not .com.

What can it be? Maybe lowpower in OK? I guess it`s just KTOU-LD OKC, 4 kW, which W9WI.com has only as 43.1 HSN, for starters. Surprised they would ever remap as a 43, which was the original fullpower channel of KAUT-40 and still known as ``Freedom 43`` (Glenn Hauser, Enid, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Later looked up at
http://rabbitears.info
market 50 info and found this for channel 21:
``21 21 KTOU-LD OKLAHOMA CITY OK On the air

Display Channel	Physical Channel	Video	Audio	Call Sign	Network/Programming	Nickname	Notes	Print
21-1	21.1	480i	DD2.0	HSN		HSN		
21-2	21.2	480i	DD2.0	SBN		SonLife		
21-3	21.3	480i	DD2.0	KTOU-LD		MiCasa Broadcast Network		
21-4	21.4	480i	DD2.0	ONTV4U		Infomercials		
21-5	21.5	480i	DD2.0	RTVE		Retro TV		
21-6	21.6	480i	DD2.0	REVN		Rev'n		

Technical Data and Screencaps [linx] Historical, Ownership, Transition, and Translator Data``.

Enid is lumped in under OKC Market 50, and shows of the several translators/LPTVs listed here, only ch 42 is off the air --- in fact, ALL of them are off the air! And never have been except KXOK 31/32; at least he doesn`t list imaginary K45EJ which KSBI thinx exists per ID slides, but gone for many years, never digital. Doug Smith of W9WI.com has found some very strange details: some of the ``Enid`` transmitters have coordinates in Stillwater or somewhere else, so they could be on the air except never visible here (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. RF 29, August 4 at 0050 UT, KTUZ is OFF, so no Telemundo on virtual 30, no Estrella on virtual 48, and no UnivisiÛn on virtual 36; but they are all back by 0104. In case anyone was fooled that these are not really out of a single Tyler Media transmitter licensed to Shawnee (hardly Hispanic), this joint outage might have unfooled them.

BTW, 48-1 PSIP ID is KUOK-CD, but full-screen IDs are quite different as KOCY 48.1 Oklahoma City. Estrella specializes in busty and/or assy

girls prancing around; and rather graphic virility-enhancement ads, more so than you see on Anglo TV. Annoyingly, on this channel you have to keep changing the aspect ratio, squeezed or not if you desire proper proportions [altho with some of those enhanced figures it`s hard to tell] (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OMAN. 15140, July 31 at 0050, RSO back to its old trix with Qur`an, reverb-enhanced, about S4; running way late past nominal 2200* on this frequency, down to VP by 0126 and thus missing from scheduled 9500 after 0000.

9740, August 1 at 0113, poor signal in Arabic? Nothing on 9500, nor 15140, so presumably RSO only one frequency-late instead of two (9740 sked at 22-24). At 0205, JBAC on 9740: Iran in Urdu is scheduled 0120-0220.

15140, August 2 at 0114, VP carrier, presumed RSO as it`s not heard on 9500 or 9740 this time.

9500, August 3 at 0119, Qur`an at S9+25 as Radio Sultanate of Oman is on proper frequency tonight rather than 15140 or 9740 (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1785, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9500, R. Sultanate of Oman, Thumrayt. On past the scheduled 0200 s/off with Arabic talks. ID at 0228 then an Arabic pop song at 0229, fair on 20/7 with the signal improving past 0300 (Rob Wagner, VK3BVW, Mount Evelyn, VIC, Yaesu FTDX 3000, Kenwood TS2000, Yaesu FRG100, Sangean ATS909, Double Bazooka antennas for 80 and 40 m, Par EF-SWL End Fed antenna, BHI NEIM1031 Digital Noise Eliminating Module, MFJ-1026 Noise Cancelling Module, ATU, August Australian DX News via WORLD OF RADIO 1785, DXLD)

The 03-04 scheduled English broadcast rarely reported. Another day 9500 was reported on air past 0300; so better check all the possibilities (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1785, DXLD) Viz.:

9540, R Sultanate of Oman, 0320, Aug 03, English, ID: ìRadio Sultanate of Oman FMî, mainly techno music played, 25432 (Rumen Pankov, Sofia, Bulgaria, DSWCI DX Window August 5 via WORLD OF RADIO 1785, DXLD)

** PALAU. Additional transmission of T8WH Angel 4 effective August 2
1430-1600 11805 HBN 100 kW / 270 deg SEAs English Sat, ex 11870/11955
1430-1500 11805 HBN 100 kW / 270 deg SEAs English Sun, ex 11870/11955
1500-1530 11805 HBN 100 kW / 270 deg SEAs English Sun, addit., videos
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/08/additional-transmission-of-t8wh-angel-4.html
(Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, dxldyg via DXLD)

** PAPUA NEW GUINEA [non]. DXLD 15-30: ``I see that some DX sources, such as the July issue of WWDXC`s DX Magazine, suppress all info contradicting the original official line that all these PNG relays were via Brandon, while in fact and obvious to astute monitors, 12025 and 6075 were via Shepparton (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)``

Hi Glenn, You can add one more to the list - DX-Window. Unfortunately with my name on the posting! He always adds the site, even though I did not show "Brandon" in my original log (Ron Howard, CA, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Viz.:

** PAPUA NEW GUINEA [non]. / AUSTRALIA, 6075, NBC via Brandon [sic], Australia, 1306-1308, Jul 22. Their last day of transmission here. 1306 regional weather, 1308 played theme song of the Pacific Games https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zd4A-IIZrjo
program with discussion whether or not Papua New Guinea should make a bid for the 2026 Commonwealth Games; mostly in Tok Pisin/Pidgin, but with many SMS texted messages read in English; fair; // 3365, NBC Milne Bay. No trace of any NBC via Australia on Jul 23 (Ron Howard, CA, DSWCI DX Window August 5 via DXLD)

** PARAGUAY [and non]. Members, My Paraguayan source has now returned from holiday and is helping me with much information.

Apparently the transmitter for Radio 3 de Febrero in ëIt·í deliberately switches (automatically) at night to 895 kHz to reduce QRM. The question immediately arises - what about hetrodynes? The most likely station to cause problems would be 890kHz Santa Rosa in Brasil. I have decided to use the North American system of merged cells and merger over two lines for the Paraguay entry. I believe that this is the first case when Day and Night alters by less than 10kHz.
I will report back on any other nuggets if I come across any.
73 and 88 (Dan Goldfarb, mwmasts yg via DXLD)

To add even more confusion, the correct spelling of the Brazilian town is Bela Vista (Colin Miller, Ont., ibid.)

WRTH 2015 shows ZP33 on 890, 5/0.5 kW, R. Tres de Febrero, It· and marked with a plus/minus sign meaning frequency varies. ``Split`` Latin Americans are extremly few now, and even with only 500 watts, might make it DXable in N America, with no CCI. But why haven`t we seen any S American reports of it really on 895? (gh, DXLD)

** PERU. 4774.92, 0140-0155 1.8, R Tarma, Tarma Spanish ann, Peruvian songs - surprisingly strong: 35343 (Anker Petersen, loggings from Skovlunde on my AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres of longwire antenna, WBradio yg via DXLD)

** PERU. 5980, July 31 at 0100, JBA carrier detectable on the NRD-545, but when I get back to it just before 0105, R. Chaski is already gone: must have reset the autocutoff timer again (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5980, R. CHASKI. 2/8 2304 UT. M˙sica instrumental. Luego avisos de literatura de Red Radio Integridad e iglesias bautistas de las ciudades de: Lima, Cuzco y Cajamarca. SINPO: 55444.

5980, R. CHASKI, 3/8 1047 UT. Programa ìa travÈs de la Bibliaî, en conexiÛn con Red Radio Integridad. SINPO: 35343 (Claudio Galaz, RX: REALISTIC DX-160, ANT: 30 metros de antena de hilo, m·s 20 metros de antena de tierra y balun de ferrita 3:1, QTH: Ovalle, Chile, condiglista yg via DXLD)

5980, August 3 at 0103, JBA carrier from R. Chaski until autocutoff at 0104:06*. So there has been another reset earlier, as the last confirmed cutoff was July 20 until 0107:05.5*. Now expect it to precess (or should I say recess?) ~6 seconds later per 24 hours for another while (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PERU. 6173.9, August 2 at 0131, JBA carrier, matching the off-frequency of R. Tawantinsuyo, Cuzco. A tough one here, much weaker than RSC on 6134.8, at least in the evenings. And there is nothing on 6175 now to QRM it (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PHILIPPINES. 11870, August 2 at 1328, R. Veritas Asia with YL English ID twice as 11.870 MHz on the 25 meter band, Hindi to follow at 1330; poor signal with music background, 1330 clarion call and into Hindi. Thus begins a sesquihour in Hin/Ben/Zom per HFCC registrations, the last shifting from 300 to 280 degree beam. Zom??? Aoki unlists the latter, but EiBi transforms it to C-Z, which per his README.TXT is: ``C-Z Chin-Zomin / Zomi-Chin: Myanmar (60,000), India-Manipur (20,000) [zom]`` (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PUNTLAND. Reception of Puntland Radio One on July 30
1146 & 1200 on 13800 GRW 020 kW / non-dir to EaAf Somali
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/08/reception-of-puntland-radio-one-on-july.html
July 30: Puntland Radio One in Somali to EaAf 1146 on 13800 Garowe
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6Resi_WUbzg&feature=youtu.be

Puntland Radio One in Somali to EaAf 1200 on 13800 Garowe
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NLcxW52bIDc&feature=youtu.be
(Ivo Ivanov, central Bulgaria DX-pedition, dxldyg via DXLD)

SOMALIA, Weak signal of Puntland Radio One this morning, Aug.4 from 0726 on 13800 GRW 020 kW / non-dir to EaAf Somali in CUSB:

http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/08/weak-signal-of-puntland-radio-one-this.html
(Ivo Ivanov, c. Sofia, Blgaria, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1785, DXLD)

Good signal of Puntland Radio One on August 5 and suddenly off air: 1420-1520 on 13800 GRW 020 kW / non-dir to EaAf Somali and off air at 1535 UT
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/08/good-signal-of-puntland-radio-one-on.html
73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, Equipment: Sony ICF-2001D 30 m, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** REUNION. ON ISLAND WHERE AIRPLANE PARTS WASHED UP, RESIDENTS TURN TO TALK RADIO FIRST | Radio Freedom is where Reunion turns if big news hits or a parrot escapes

Fisherman in Reunion are used to finding all manner of refuse along the island's northeast shores. Photo: Jacky Naegelen/Reuters [caption]

By Patrick McGroarty, The Wall Street Journal
Aug. 4, 2015 8:45 p.m. ET 5 COMMENTS

REUNION ISLAND, France -- When beach worker Johnny Begue and his colleagues found what looked like a piece of wrecked airplane on this far-flung tropical island last week, they knew whom to contact for help: Radio Freedom.

"We found some kind of plane debris," Mr. Begue's deputy on the cleaning crew, Cedric Gobalsoumy, told host Isabelle during her morning show last Wednesday. "Ma'am, I don't know how to tell you this: It's a wing from a plane."

An hour later, the rocky beach on Reunion's northeast coast was swarming with local journalists and police.

Here in this tiny French territory 500 miles east of Madagascar, Radio Freedom has turned out to be the first port of call for everything from lost dogs to missing husbands and even things that wash up from the sea.

Investigators say the object Messrs. Begue and Gobalsoumy found may have come from the Malaysia Airlines Boeing 777 that is believed to have crashed in the Indian Ocean last year with 239 people on board. The barnacle-clad wing part was flown to Paris, and an official analysis is set to begin in Toulouse on Wednesday.

When the report about the wing came in, "we thought it was a prank," says a host who goes by the name Isabelle. Like most Radio Freedom

hosts, she uses just one, assumed, name.

Reunion's active volcano, Piton de la Fournaise, erupted over the weekend as journalists descended on the island following the discovery of what may be a missing piece of Malaysia Airlines Flight 370. Photo: Maxppp/Zuma Press [caption]

All day, Reunionese, as they are known, call in to Radio Freedom to talk about anything that comes to mind. Locals say the station works like a public commons, handling calls that in most places might land first with 911 dispatchers or city hall.

At night it's also a dating service, From 8 p.m. to midnight [local = UT +4], people call into a program called "Tropical Heat" hoping to find a match; or just to talk about romance.

"It's the hardest work for a DJ because of all that's going to be said," says Camille Sudre, the 67-year-old former medical doctor and fiery free-speech proponent who founded the station in a friend's basement 34 years ago. A public figure here, Mr. Sudre is one of the few Radio Freedom personalities who gives his true full name.

"The DJs can't be acting like stars," says the white-haired station owner during an interview at Freedom's studios, a whitewashed villa on a quiet residential street in Reunion's biggest city, St. Denis. "The only stars are the listeners."

This agora of the airwaves has its finger on the pulse of a community where all matters are local. Sandwiched on a ribbon of lush hillsides between Indian Ocean surf and towering volcanic peaks, Reunion's 800,000 residents share a tightknit sense of camaraderie.

The on-air discussions often reflect Reunion's idiosyncrasies. The island was thrust up from the ocean floor three million years ago by volcanic eruptions. Today, Radio Freedom alerts listeners when the remaining active cone flares up.

Pets are also a source of perpetual discourse. Not long ago, one woman phoned in to say that her parrot had been stolen from her second-floor balcony.

"It's a very depressed parrot!" the woman pleaded to concerned listeners. "He needs medication!"

Like many fans, the woman didn't identify herself. No one called to report a parrot sighting.

It isn't just the islanders who reap the benefits of Radio Freedom's

broadcasts. Nicolas Chanu was visiting from Normandy a few years ago and dropped his keys on the beach. He called Freedom. A Reunion resident headed out with a metal detector and found them hours later.

Tuning in is "like a religion in a way," says Nicolas Cyprien, a 45-year-old tour guide who recently called Freedom to denounce plans to dig a quarry in his town. When he hung up, he saw neighbors applauding him. "Before you call your family you call Freedom. Then you call the rest."

As a result, Radio Freedom is almost always the first to know when big news breaks.

When an earthquake off Indonesia sent a deadly tsunami across the Indian Ocean in 2004, no one on Reunion, thousands of miles away, saw reason for concern.

But 10 hours later, Reunionese were calling Freedom DJs to report a biblical retreat of the sea, followed by a huge wave that smashed boats and damaged shorelines. Fishermen listening to Radio Freedom knew to stay at sea until the waves subsided.

In 2009, a felon arranged for a helicopter to spirit him away from a Reunion prison yard. Radio Freedom listeners helped chart the chopper's course. Though they lost the trail, police found the man several days later.

But last week was the first time Radio Freedom broke a global story. After Mr. Begue found the plane wing, foreign journalists descended on Mr. Begue's rocky beach.

Reunion officials have been inundated with reports of more detritus that might have come from the plane. Many of them were first reported on Radio Freedom.

Officials say the investigation hasn't been hampered by residents' preference to call the radio station before authorities like the police.

"It's the opposite here," says Jean-Yves Sambimanan, spokesman for the town of Saint-Andre where Mr. Begue discovered the airplane part last week. "You call Radio Freedom and the police listen." (WSJ via Mike Cooper, DXLD)

WTFK? WRTH 2015 page 333 lists Radio Freedom [sic --- not a French name], as one of eight ``other stations`` on 14 FM frequencies around the ``tiny`` island and owns the enviable URL http://freedom.fr I suppose //liberte.fr was alrelady taken long before by something in

European France (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** RUSSIA [and non]. PUTINFORMATION --- RUSSIAN PROPAGANDA IN THE AGE OF POSTMODERNISM. Aug 10, 2015, Vol. 20, No. 45 ï By LEON ARON

Traveling recently in what might be called ìnew frontlineî statesó Estonia, Ukraine, and MoldovaóI was struck by the depth of concern I encountered about Russian propaganda. And not just propaganda aimed at the Russian population and neighboring countries. At a conference in Tallinn, a Politico reporter and experienced Russia hand who had just covered the parliamentary elections in Britain told me voters heíd interviewed in Wales and Scotland had brought up clearly identifiable pieces of propaganda spread by Russiaís state-owned global television and radio network, RT.

In the United States, the State Department and Congress have been sufficiently concerned about the Kremlinís worldwide propaganda offensive to advocate increases in budgets for U.S. public diplomacy, which includes international broadcasting.

And Friedrich begat Vladimir.

And for good reason. The Russian propaganda machine is being credited with almost magical powers of penetration and persuasion. NATOís military commander, General Philip Breedlove, has called it ìthe most amazing information warfare blitzkrieg we have ever seen.î David Remnick, editor of the New Yorker, who covered the last years of the Soviet Union for the Washington Post, calls RT ìdarkly, nastily brilliant, so much more sophisticated than Soviet propaganda.î

Indeed, the global reach of Russian propaganda is impressive. RT, the flagship operation, broadcasts news and talk shows in five major languages with a potential audience of over 700 million people in 100 countries. It also garners a significant following on YouTube. In December 2014, RT announced that its family of YouTube channels had racked up 2 billion total views, besting such media titans as CNN and Al Jazeera by sizable margins.

Launched last year, the Sputnik news network plans to broadcast in 30 languages in 34 countries.

Then there is the shadow army of Kremlin-paid Internet ìtrollsî who closely monitor social media as well as major Western news sites, ready to pounce on critics of the Kremlin. . . [much more] http://www.weeklystandard.com/articles/putinformation_1001608.html (via David Cole, Goodwell OK, DXLD)

** RUSSIA. Good reception of Comintern Radio 1730-1800 on 6990 July 30

http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/08/good-reception-of-comintern-radio-1730.html
July 30: Comintern Radio, songs 1735 on 6990.0
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LwMuo9ajpHo&feature=youtu.be

Comintern Radio, songs 1757 on 6990.0
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RREuKO35oYw&feature=youtu.be
(Ivo Ivanov, central Bulgaria DX-pedition, dxldyg via DXLD)

Good reception of Comintern Radio 1600-1800 on 6990, Aug 4
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/08/good-reception-of-comintern-radio-1600.html
(Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SARAWAK [non]. 15425, Radio Free Sarawak (Palauig-Zambales) 1051-1058, 1158-1200* 30 July. Poor signal with Iban chat and "bloopy" jammer at first tune-in; retune at 1158, the jammer was gone and RFS was closing down with ID/info/tune. 1040-1105, 1135-1200* 31 July. Slightly better signal today with Iban chat/discussion, phone reports, closing with different tune from 30 July. Jammer unheard this morning, which was nice (Dan Sheedy, Encinitas, CA G5/6m X wire, WORLD OF RADIO 1785, DX LISTENING DIGEST) see also MALAYSIA

** SAUDI ARABIA. 15205, July 31 at 1707, bits of Qur`an and plain talk in Arabic from BSKSA, scheduled 16-18 but achieving only poor S3 signal; better S7 with different Arabic service on 15435. Both HFCC listed with exactly same parameters, 500 kW, 320 degrees USward, 25 degree slew, 216 antenna, so why the disparity? A propagation check since nothing on 15470 audible for ETHIOPIA [non], q.v. (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SERBIA [non]. International Radio Serbia - last day TODAY 30 July Serbia: International Radio Serbia 30 July. Listening at 2100 UT to what has been announced as the last day's broadcast of IRS. Unfortunately, this is via online stream only as there is again no sign of their shortwave frequency. Seems that the webpage statement "International Radio Serbia ñ Radio Yugoslavia ñ ceases to exist on 31 July 2015" means that it no longer exists on 31 July.

Live stream in English currently (2100 UT) heard at
http://voiceofserbia.org/radio-live
(Alan Roe, Teddington, UK, dxldyg via DXLD)

International Radio Serbia ñ Radio Yugoslavia ñ ceases to exist on 31 July 2015 - See more at:
http://voiceofserbia.org/radio-live#sthash.IpTwGMJx.dpuf
ceases to exist on 31 July 2015 (via gh, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1785, DXLD)

We had expected a final 'goodbye-program', but they were not on air Jul 31 - and the web stream was also silent. Furthermore, 6100 was silent several days before the official closure. (Erik K¯ie, Holte, Denmark, DSWCI DX Window August 5 via WORLD OF RADIO 1785, DXLD)

** SERBIA [and non]. Fin de Radio Yugoslavia-Radio Serbia Internacional --- Cet, 07/30/2015 - 23:15 -- MRS
http://voiceofserbia.org/es/content/fin-de-radio-yugoslavia-radio-serbia-internacional

Queridos amigos, Radio Yugoslavia - Radio Serbia Internacional, hoy deja de funcionar. Para ustedes, nuestros fieles oyentes, pero tambiÈn para nosotros los que hemos trabajado en este medio, nos desconsuela el hecho de que esta casa medi·tica, la que ha existido casi ochenta aÒos, va a pasar a la historia. Se extingue un medio de rica tradiciÛn y logros, de fuertes recursos humanos, y con grandes planes que se frustraron.

Nadie nos ha explicado por quÈ se cierra Radio Serbia Internacional. Hemos escuchado argumentos individuales, tÌmidos, poco convincentes de que esta radio es cara y obsoleta. Por otro lado, fueron vanos todos los an·lisis y recomendaciones de eminentes expertos, profesionales, hombres doctos, y de la gente com˙n y corriente de que Serbia necesita una radio de onda corta. Ning˙n paÌs serio ha renunciado a esta forma de promociÛn, la que podrÌamos llamar diplomacia barata, pero eficaz.

Los empleados en esta radio, se han esforzado todos estos aÒos en presentar al paÌs en el exterior de una manera objetiva, en informar a ustedes nuestros escuchas y a los visitantes de nuestro sitio web sobre los m·s importantes sucesos, bellezas, capacidades y potenciales econÛmicos y turÌsticos, sobre nuestra tradiciÛn, historia, religiÛnÖ DespuÈs de todo, nadie nos puede convencer que la extinciÛn de Radio Yugoslavia - Radio Serbia Internacional es un paso justificado.

No obstante que el Estado de Serbia se encuentre en una crisis econÛmica, que cada dinar que se ahorre sea precioso, que muchos ciudadanos estÈn sin empleo, que hay que generar trabajo, no acabamos de entender por quÈ este medio de informaciÛn ha sido calificado como un freno al progreso econÛmico del paÌs, al proceso de la integraciÛn europea, a la aplicaciÛn de las directrices estratÈgicas de nuestro Estado, y por quÈ hay que cortarlo de un solo un tajo. Da la impresiÛn de que, a pesar de todo, en la decisiÛn de apagar Radio Yugoslavia no hay argumentos justificados.

Al final, no nos queda m·s que constatar que estamos orgullosos de la historia de nuestra emisora y de todo que hemos hecho y transmitido a ustedes, nuestros escuchas. Estamos orgullosos tambiÈn de ustedes y

consideramos que hemos tenido a los mejores escuchas y usuarios de nuestro sitio de Internet, lo que nos han confirmado con numerosas cartas y mensaje de correo electrÛnico.

°Gracias a ustedes, estimados oyentes, donde quiera que estÈn, por haber creÌdo en nosotros todos estos aÒos! Gracias tambiÈn a los ciudadanos de Serbia, a los contribuyentes fiscales, que nos han estado financiando. Nunca los hemos defraudado y estamos convencidos de que nuestro destino serÌa distinto si a ellos se hubiese preguntado. Pero, hablar ahora de eso ya no tiene sentido. Desde Radio Yugoslavia - Radio Serbia Internacional, los saludamos a todos, y les deseamos que tengan m·s suerte de la que hemos tenido nosotros. Posted by: (JOSE MIGUEL ROMERO ROMERO, dxldyg via DXLD)

** SLOVAKIA [non]. 11920, July 31 at 0057, surprised to hear R. Slovakia International wrapping up English service, better than // 11580 which also had some CCI, and than // 5850. WRMI must have brought up the 11920 transmitter early before the 0100 F·mily Radio relay in Spanish, and modulated it with what was supposed to be on 5850 and 11580 only. After 0100 they are all separated: 11580 with RFI in English, 5850 with TruNews (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGST)

** SOLOMON ISLANDS. 5020, Jul 24, 1900 Solomon Island[s] Broadcasting Corp., Honiara, Heute auch mal was neues: Bereits ab ca. 1715 UT war der Tr‰ger aus Honiara zu sehen, das Musikprogramm gegen 1845 UT mit dem besten Signal, hˆrbar bis nach 20 UT, allerdings machen die Gewitter momentan wirklich keinen Spafl, aufler man ist Mitarbeiter bei Blitzortung.org - dann sind diese Sommerwochen ein echtes Highlight! Juli 31 hat man um 1907 UT die Morgensendung aus Honiara auf 5020 kHz gestartet, nat¸rlich mit Gottes Wort, wie es sich am Samstag gehˆrt (Christoph Ratzer, Salzburg, Austria, SW Bulletin Aug 2 via WORLD OF RADIO 1785, DXLD)

5020, S.I.B.C. at 1201, woman announcer and into national anthem. As Ron Howard has reported, no longer relaying Wantok FM after 1200. Anthem ended by 1202:30 and carrier off at 1203:20. - Poor, July 31 (Harold Sellers, Vernon, British Columbia, listening in my car by the lake, with the Eton E1 and Sony AN1 active antenna. Editor of World English Survey and Target Listening, available at http://www.odxa.on.ca dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5020.0, SIBC. Thanks very much to Harold Sellers for July 31 report - "Anthem ended by 1202:30 and carrier off at 1203:20." Yes, SIBC now has a timer to daily turn off their transmitter; Aug 3 also noted 1203* (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, E1 & CR-1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SOMALILAND. SOMALIA, 7120, Radio Hargeysa, Hargeysa, 1718-1723,

escuchada el 30 de julio de 2015 en somalÌ a locutor y locutora con comentarios, posible boletÌn de noticias, comentarios de corresponsal, SINPO 23442 (JosÈ Miguel Romero, SacaÒet (CastellÛn), EspaÒa, YAESU FRG-7700, Antena hilo 10m, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SOUTH CAROLINA [non]. WWRB relay TOM on daytime frequency 9370 from 0000 or 0300 UT on Aug. 3:
from 0300 9370 WRB 100 kW / 045 deg ENAm English & continues 0800 parallel 3185 WRB 100 kW / 045 deg ENAm English scheduled 0000-1300 Frequency 9370 WRB 100 kW / 045 deg to ENAm registered in HFCC 13-24 http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/08/wwrb-relay-tom-on-daytime-frequency.html (Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, dxldyg via DXLD)

9369.982, Brother Stair is singing! At 0658 UT on Aug 5th, WWRB relay sermon, about Kingdom, New Lord and God talked (Wolfgang B¸schel, Log 06-07 UT Aug 5, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also USA: WWRB, WRMI

** SRI LANKA. 11905, July 31 missed timing the SLBC *carrier/on but prÈlude starts at 0114:47.5; 2+1 mistimesignal ends at 0115:18.5; very poor.

11905, August 3 at 0115 [not 0116 as typo in original report], SLBC prÈlude is underway at poor S3-4 level with flutter, and 2+1 mistimesignal ending at 0115:17.

11905, August 3 at 0115 [not 0116 typo in original report], SLBC prÈlude is underway at poor S3-4 level with flutter, and 2+1 mistimesignal ending at 0115:17 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SUDAN. Reception of Voice of Africa, Sudan Radio on August 4 1730-1830 9505 ALF 100 kW / 210 deg to CeAf English, QRM ROU on 9500 http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/08/reception-of-voice-of-africa-sudan.html (Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SUDAN [non]. 13800, August 2 at 0527, fast SAH as R. Dabanga is QRMing itself during site transition from MADAGASCAR to VATICAN: at least only one of them is modulating, the other OC. Modulated one continues after other carrier cuts off at 0527.5*. And no Sudanese carriers jamming this time on the hi side (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SUDAN SOUTH [non]. 11560, R. Miraya, Kishinev. Magnificent signal at 0505 with jivey African music then an interview in the English section of the broadcast. The only thing that marred this reception was a very slight hum on the audio, otherwise it was pleasant listening all the way. 2/7 (Rob Wagner, VK3BVW, Mount Evelyn, VIC,

Yaesu FTDX 3000, Kenwood TS2000, Yaesu FRG100, Sangean ATS909, Double Bazooka antennas for 80 and 40 m, Par EF-SWL End Fed antenna, BHI NEIM1031 Digital Noise Eliminating Module, MFJ-1026 Noise Cancelling Module, ATU, August Australian DX News via DXLD)

Kishinov site has denied it`s from there. So now the question is: is it really not from there, or for some disinformational reason are they required to deny it? (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

** SUDAN SOUTH [non]. July 30:
VOA South Sudan in Focus in English to Sudan 1630 on 11845 Meyerton
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4vrN32tILsQ&feature=youtu.be
(Ivo Ivanov, central Bulgaria DX-pedition, dxldyg via DXLD)

** SWAZILAND. 6120, TWR (Manzini) 0502+ 31 July, *0501+ 1 August. Just beating the noise level with abrupt s/on in English, into contemporary Christian pop and message about Elisha (31 July), less music but more chat about effective prayer on 1 Aug. // 4775 well under CODAR, but still audible. 6120 tends not to use the TWR IS before s/on, while 4775 is "religious" about having the IS on well before *0500 (Dan Sheedy, Encinitas, CA G5/6m X wire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TAJIKISTAN. TAYIKISTAN, 7245, Voice of Tajik, Dushanbe-Orzu, 1732-1737, escuchada el 30 de julio de 2015 en persa a locutor y locutora con comentarios, SINPO 22332 (JosÈ Miguel Romero, SacaÒet (CastellÛn), EspaÒa, YAESU FRG-7700, Antena hilo 10m, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TIBET [non]. Philippines -- QSL received by the Tibetan program FEBA. It's called Gaweylon Tibetan programme. Soon be available on dxing.ru. This is not a station, this is the program for the Tibetans, which acknowledges receipt. By the way, this year it celebrates 25 years of being on the air. Currently, it broadcasts in 15215, 1200-1230 UT through Dhabbaya [UAE] (Vasily Kuznetsov, Moscow, Russia / "open_dx" via RusDX 2 August via DXLD)

Don`t the Tibetans have enough problems without the Christians butting in? And how can you be truly Tibetan if you have converted from Buddhism to Christianity? What percentage of dentro-Tibetans are professing or secretly Christians now; is it possible to know? (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

** TURKEY. More Voice of Turkey anomalies. While reviewing a recording made unattended on 20 July 2015 starting just before the beginning of the English transmission at 2200 UT on 9830 kHz (opening announcement still states 9820 kHz although closing announcement gets it right), I noticed that the program proper ended at about 2245 UT and they then had more than 10 minutes of IS filler. Is this common? The

transmission in German follows but just 5 minutes in, the signal cuts out and doesn't return. Transmitter or operator error? (Richard Langley, NB, August 3, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

"Of course, German is not supposed to be on SW then at all (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)"

Glenn: Aoki shows German from VoT at 2300 on 9830 kHz although WRTH A15 schedules show nothing. So, is the German program now usually transmitted at this time or not? Does the opening German announcement mention a transmission at this time? Recording is here:
Voice of Turkey: July 20, 2015
http://shortwavearchive.com/archive/voice-of-turkey-july-20-2015
(Richard Langley, NB, ibid.)

So it is in Aoki. But I think German occasionally appears here only as a mistake/runover, as it`s on the satellite/internet feed. It`s not obvious on this player but you can drag a marker thru the first hour to 63:25 where the German sign-on starts. It gives the time as 1130 UT / 1430 Turkish time, on 13760, which is their first German broadcast of the day (apparently repeated at 1730 on SW). (Glenn Hauser, ibid.)

Wrong frequency for Voice of Turkey on July 31:
0830-0955 11750 EMR 500 kW / 095 deg to WeAs Persian, instead of 11795
0900-0955 11750 EMR 500 kW / 210 deg to NEAf Arabic
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/08/wrong-frequency-for-voice-of-turkey-on.html

July 31:
Voice of Turkey in Farsi and Arabic 0920 both on 11750 Emerler
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UtltURJD0B0&feature=youtu.be

Voice of Turkey in Farsi and Arabic 0930 both on 11750 Emerler
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=szmc4QGgoas&feature=youtu.be

Voice of Turkey in Farsi and Arabic 0950 both on 11750 Emerler
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JudY8_W-1Hg&feature=youtu.be

Voice of Turkey in Farsi and Arabic 0952 both on 11750 Emerler
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DkwPH6h7FYk&feature=youtu.be
(Ivo Ivanov, central Bulgaria DX-pedition, dxldyg via DXLD)

** UGANDA. Still missing Uganda 4976 since several months. SONY ICF-SW7600G and 10 m wire. 73 (Giovanni IZ5PQT Carboni, Sicilia, July 30, cumbredx via DXLD)

** U K. 9440, August 3 at 0528, nice to hear the B-B-C- chimes, but only until 0529 cut to Hausa opening, listed as Woofferton at 170

degrees (but Hausa an hour later on 9440 is via Ascension) (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** UNITED KINGDOM [non]. 6190, BBC (Meyerton) 0507-0520 31 July. "Newsday" programme with items about the Calais migrant crisis, debris recovered from the Indian Ocean that may be from the Malaysian Airlines flight, Beijing/Almaty in the running for the 2022 Winter Olympics [IOC meeting in Kuala Lumpur], fair signal with // 7445 (Ascension) much better. However, a check on 1 August at *0456 had 6190 doing a mid-sentence s/on with chat, BBC WS ID/programme promo and preview of news items on "Weekend" with a stronger signal than 7445 (Dan Sheedy, Encinitas, CA G5/6m X wire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. More U.S. eLORAN tests --- According to UrsaNav, the company carrying out eLoran tests in the U.S., the Wildwood, NJ, transmitter will be on the air from 1300 (UT) 06 August until 2200 (UT) 07 August. Wildwood will be broadcasting using a group repetition interval or GRI (the number, which, when multiplied by ten, gives the number of microseconds between pulses) of 8970 as both a master station and as a secondary station. The Dana, IN, transmitter will also be on the air intermittently during this time period. Dana will be broadcasting as 9960 master and possibly with other GRIs as well (Richard Langley, NB, Aug 5, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 7261.0-USB, August 1 at 0232, I am bandscanning thru the 40/41 mb in USB mode to find something besides hams, but here`s a ham in USB mode! Ragchewer finally IDs as KJ5GT, I think, no fonetix, and his Js sounds like his Gs; much weaker contact is also in USB mode. I guess LSB on 40m is a convention, not a requirement, so why not? ARRL shows: CHAVEZ, ALFRED A, KJ5GT, ALBUQUERQUE, NM 87110 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 12350-USB, July 30 at 1258, weather info for various parts of Caribbean, apparently in response to direct inquiries from yachters on same frequency which I can`t hear. This one is quite weak, but good clear modulation. 1305 talking about buoys. No doubt it`s the Marine Weather Center, WCY in Lakeland FL, ``Bel Ami`` IDs not heard this time but see previous log of March 19 in DXLD 15-12 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 13565-CW, July 30 at 1307, K6FRC HIFER beacon is barely copiable vs CODAR swishes. LWCA list
http://www.lwca.org/sitepage/part15/index.htm
puts it on 13565.05, from Patterson CA. About 5 others on that list I have heard before, but not lately. Sure would like to hear some of the remainder if they are really active. I frequently tune BFO across 13550-13570 without finding any (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. VOA's Willis Conover --- I just finished listening to the NPR program "The Take Away" for August 4, 2015: http://www.thetakeaway.org/story/pulling-back-curtain/

The program included an interview with Valery Ponomarev who lived behind the iron curtain and was one of millions who formed their opinion of the USA and freedom as expressed in the music Willis Conover played on his VOA program "The Jazz Hour". There is now a campaign to put Willis Conover on a USA postage stamp in recognition of his role in helping to win the "Cold War". They discussed the continuing battle Conover waged against the VOA suits who wanted him to play rock music.

The "Jazz Hour" was also my first exposure to serious jazz music (even though I lived within sight of the Empire State Building) as I tweaked my home-made regenerative receiver in defiance of the US Congress's directive to VOA to not broadcast to the USA. Little did the Congress know that one hop skip from southwest Ohio, upstate New York, or ground wave from New Jersey could be heard by a kid who new how to string an antenna, wind a coil, or solder a tube socket. Just to balance this memoir, I first heard of singer Paul Robeson on Radio Moscow as he had been banned on US radio because of his open support of Communism. I have lived in interesting times. There is a link to the program on the show's internet link above. Enjoy (Joe Buch, Aug 4, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. LA VOZ DE AM…RICA OFRECE NUEVA PROGRAMACI”N A SUS EMISORAS AFILIADAS --- by gruporadioescuchaargentino

Desde las 6:00 de la maÒana y hasta las 7:00 de la noche [øøøzona???], un equipo de periodistas y productores ofrece un ìAvance informativoî cada media hora con las noticias m·s relevantes de Estados Unidos y el mundo.

Con m·s de 20 micros noticiosos, la Voz de AmÈrica ofrece adem·s informaciÛn del mundo deportivo, del espect·culo y una entrevista de cinco minutos para ser usadas en su estaciÛn o pagina web.

A las 8:00 de la maÒana, con repeticiÛn a las 8:30, Buenos DÌas AmÈrica llega diariamente con las noticias de lo que acontece en Estados Unidos, AmÈrica Latina y el mundo.

En la tarde, cerrando el ciclo informativo, llega ìDesde Washingtonî con 30 minutos de informaciÛn del acontecer diario de lo que sucede en la capital diplom·tica del mundo.

La Voz de AmÈrica ofrece adem·s un servicio de interacciÛn con

nuestros periodistas. Desde Washington a su cabina, vÌa telefÛnica o vÌa Skype.

Una vez por semana, comenzando el jueves con repeticiÛn diaria, llega Top Ten con las diez mejores canciones de la revista Billboard y el pronostico de la semana.

Con un genero moderno y con las m·s importantes figuras de la m˙sica country, la Voz de AmÈrica te ofrece uno de los pocos programas de este genero en tu propio idioma.

Todos los programas de 30 minutos de duraciÛn tienen cortes de 2 minutos para su comercializaciÛn.

Esta programaciÛn es GRATIS y puede descargarse desde la la pagina web de la VOA o desde VOA Direct en esta p·gina (tomada de la pagina de internet de la VOA via GRA blog Aug 3 via DXLD)

None of this of course, is available on SW direct from VOA (gh, DXLD)

** U S A. 7425, August 1 at 0238, music and talk in Spanish, mentions ``la capital habanera`` so something to do with Cuba. O, it`s // 7365 R. MartÌ mixed with some weaker Spanish, i.e. // Vatican Radio relay (violating Separation of Church and State --- how much longer before Brother Scare demands airtime from IBB?) on 7305 --- so a rare leapfrog mixing product from Greenville, 7305 over 7365 another 60 kHz higher (should also check for mirror/reverse leapfrog on 7245). 7425 audible on both the NRD-545 and PL-880 (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1785, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A [and non]. VOA Radiogram, 1-2 August 2015

Am 24.07.2015 um 15:15 schrieb VOA Radiogram:

VOA Radiogram, program 122, 1-2 August 2015

On this program, the same photo will be transmitted in MFSK16, MFSK32, MFSK64, and Scottie DX SSTV. The duration of each photo transmission will be between 4 minutes 15 seconds and 4 minutes 32 seconds.

In the three MFSK modes, the caption of the photo will be transmitted before each image to provide a comparison of the text performance of each mode.

Each MFSK mode will begin with an RSID, followed by ten seconds of silence to allow for a manual change of mode if necessary. As expected: MFSK-64 has highest sharpness, compared the digital modes

http://www.rhci-online.net/radiogram/VoA_Radiogram_2015-08-01.htm#VOA
http://www.rhci-online.net/radiogram/VoA_Radiogram_2015-08-01.htm#comparisation
[sic]

The Mighty KBC will transmit a minute of MFSK64 Sundays at 0230 UT (Saturdays 10:30 pm EDT) on 9925 kHz, via Germany -- part of the transmission to North America Sundays 0000-0300 UT. Eric enjoys receiving reports for these KBC MFSK64 transmissions: themightykbc@gmail.com

Thanks for your reports and support. I hope you can tune and write. I will, eventually, respond to all reports.

As usual: Doppler frequency shift during backscattering on moving layers. MFSK-64 even better performance than the RSID mode (not recognized)
http://www.rhci-online.net/radiogram/VoA_Radiogram_2015-08-01.htm#KBC
(roger Thayer, Germany, dxldyg via DXLD)

** U S A [and non]. WORLD OF RADIO 1784 monitoring: slept thru the first airing at 1130 UT Thursday July 30 on WRMI 9955; but confirmed next one, 2100 July 30 on WRMI 7570. Since I know better than anyone what`s on WOR, I usually don`t listen to playbacks complete, but do this time. Fair reception in noise level improves slightly during the semihour, and is even better for the music at 2130, `Blues Radio International`. This transmission should keep improving on average, with shortening daytime. Next:
2130 UT Friday WRMI 15770
2130 UT Friday WRMI 7570
0630 UT Saturday HLR 7265-CUSB
1430 UT Saturday HLR 7265-CUSB
1930vUT Saturday WA0RCR 1860-AM
0315vUT Sunday WA0RCR 1860-AM
2100 UT Sunday WRMI 15770
2300 UT Sunday WRMI 11580
0300vUT Monday WBCQ 5110v Area 51
0330 UT Monday WRMI 9955
1100 UT Tuesday WRMI 9955
0630 UT Wednesday HLR 7265-CUSB
1315 UT Wednesday WRMI 9955
1430 UT Wednesday HLR 7265-CUSB
2100 UT Wednesday WBCQ 7490v

WORLD OF RADIO 1784 monitoring: confirmed Friday July 31 at 2130 on WRMI 15770; and at 2130:34 on WRMI 7570: roughly equal only fair signals now with 15770 at right angle to us and 7570 toward us but absorbed. Next:
0630 UT Saturday HLR 7265-CUSB

1430 UT Saturday HLR 7265-CUSB
1930vUT Saturday WA0RCR 1860-AM
0315vUT Sunday WA0RCR 1860-AM
2100 UT Sunday WRMI 15770
2300 UT Sunday WRMI 11580
0300vUT Monday WBCQ 5110v Area 51
0330 UT Monday WRMI 9955
1100 UT Tuesday WRMI 9955
0630 UT Wednesday HLR 7265-CUSB
1315 UT Wednesday WRMI 9955
1430 UT Wednesday HLR 7265-CUSB
2100 UT Wednesday WBCQ 7490v

WORLD OF RADIO 1784 monitoring: replaced by something else, Sunday August 2 at 2100 on WRMI 15770. A new religious program, which also has been entered at several other times and WRMI frequencies; but a new WOR airing also appears, Fridays at 2330 UT on 5850, 315 degree antenna northwestward across North America. {but Okeechobee sunset is currently about 0011 UT}

This week, still confirmed Sunday at 2300 on WRMI 11580; UT Monday August 3 at 0322.5 on Area 51 & webcast via WBCQ 5109.7-CUSB --- a late start as Johnny Lightning live ran over as he mused over whether it was worth continuing with such a small audience; WOR also confirmed after 0330 UT Monday on WRMI 9955. Next:

1100 UT Tuesday WRMI 9955
0630 UT Wednesday HLR 7265-CUSB
1315 UT Wednesday WRMI 9955
1430 UT Wednesday HLR 7265-CUSB
2100 UT Wednesday WBCQ 7490v
(Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1785, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

WORLD OF RADIO 1784 monitoring: confirmed Wednesday August 5 at 1315 on WRMI 9955, sufficient, no jamming. NOT confirmed Wed Aug 5 at 2100 on WBCQ: webcast down and no carrier detectable on 7490 by 2125; total power failure? However, 7490 is back on by 2300 for `The Next Chapter`, one of the more unusual and thought-provoking shows on SW.

WORLD OF RADIO 1785 monitoring: confirmed first SW broadcast, 1130 Thu August 6 on WRMI 9955, sufficient at 1153 with no jamming. Next:
2100 UT Thursday WRMI 7570
2130 UT Friday WRMI 15770
2130 UT Friday WRMI 7570
2330 UT Friday WRMI 5850 [NEW]
0630 UT Saturday HLR 7265-CUSB
1430 UT Saturday HLR 7265-CUSB
1930vUT Saturday WA0RCR 1860-AM

0315vUT Sunday WA0RCR 1860-AM
2300 UT Sunday WRMI 11580
0300vUT Monday WBCQ 5110v Area 51
0330 UT Monday WRMI 9955
1100 UT Tuesday WRMI 9955
0630 UT Wednesday HLR 7265-CUSB
1315 UT Wednesday WRMI 9955
1430 UT Wednesday HLR 7265-CUSB
2100 UT Wednesday WBCQ 7490v

Note the NEW time for WOR, Friday at 2330 on 5850. Contrary to Ivo who says 355 degrees, based on HFCC? per WRMI website, this is on 315 degree antenna, i.e. due northwest across North America. Altho Okeechobee sunset is currently not until a few minutes after 0000 UT, I could hear 5850 poorly August 5 at 2300 check with preacher; while I couldn`t hear 5950 at same time toward Cuba which is carrying the new AWR program, but maybe masked by local device blob (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Additional transmissions via WRMI Okeechobee from August 1:
In Christ We Live and Wavescan:
1200-1300 on 7570 YFR 100 kW / 315 deg to WNAm English Sun tx#11
1300-1400 on 11580 YFR 100 kW / 044 deg to WeEu English Sun tx#09
2000-2100 on 11580 YFR 100 kW / 044 deg to WeEu English Sun tx#09
0000-0100 on 7455 YFR 100 kW / 285 deg to WNAm English Mon tx#13
0700-0800 on 7455 YFR 100 kW / 285 deg to WNAm English Mon tx#13

Sounding the Alarm and Blues Radio/Wavescan/World of Radio/Trova Libre
2300-2400 on 5850 YFR 100 kW / 355 deg to ENAm Various Dly tx#12

[No, WRMI website shows 5850 is on 315 beam --- gh]

Adventist World Radio:
1100-1200 5950 YFR 100 kW / 181 deg Cuba Spa+En? Dly tx#14
2300-2400 5950 YFR 100 kW / 181 deg Cuba Spa+En? Dly tx#14
Family Stations:
2200-2300 5950 YFR 100 kW / 181 deg Cuba Spanish Dly tx#14, new time
0200-0300 7730 YFR 100 kW / 222 deg MEXI Spanish Dly tx#14, cancelled
(??????????? ?? Observer ? 10:30 AM, Bulgarian DX blog via DXLD)
see also JAPAN [non]

** U S A [and non]. 7490 & 9330, July 30 at 0533, open carrier/dead air from WBCQ instead of `Midnight [sic] in the Desert`. 5085 WTWW is still going with the oddball news segment not by Art Bell himself; at 0536 WBCQ still OC/DA, while 6070 CFRX is in ad seemingly like 5085 but not synch, and also with QRMass from Vatican. I also check the nearest FM station supposedly carrying M[sic]ITD, 97.5 KPAK Alva OK, and no, it`s still rock music (unless I am getting Tulsa instead;

don`t think so). KPAK is still on his station roster twice, the only FM or AM we could possibly hear here.

5109.71 approx., July 31 at 0106, BS on WBCQ CUSB. Then I find the NRD-545 calibration is very slightly off compared to WWV. This resource gets to that issue right at the top immediately; recommended by Jim Ronda, and Dave Zantow himself:
http://webpages.charter.net/n9ewo2/nrd545.html

9330-CUSB, UT Sunday August 2 at 0139, no signal from WBCQ, when `Good Friends Radio Network` is supposed to be running at 01-05 UT nightly. Yes, even weeknights, despite `Midnight [sic] in the Desert` at 04-07 M-F [sic]. Not likely, unless for that overlap hour, WBCQ runs independent sidebands? I assume GFRN really got an hour chopped off to accommodate Art Bell; and isn`t he UT Tue-Sat, not M-F?? Meanwhile, at 0139, 7490 and 5109.7-CUSB are both BSing, altho 5110 is supposedly in other Area 51 programming Sat nights, 23-04 UT Sun (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5109.915, carrier of WBCQ visible, BS prayer program at 0603 UT Aug 5. Cusb signal upper sideband. S=7 rather poor on European "fade-out" time, heard in southern Germany (Wolfgang B¸schel, Log 06-07 UT Aug 5, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) I usually find it close to 5109.7 (gh)

7490, Phone-in program, Aoki Nagoya list didn't show a real program there at this time slot. Two presenter on air of WBCQ? S=6 signal here in southern Germany. Talk on US security in past decades, US prison structure, also on US Space Traffic programs. \\ 9330.119, kHz cusb mode, latter hops 'up and down', not frequency stable TX unit, moves some 20-25 Hertz up and down (Wolfgang B¸schel, Log 06-07 UT Aug 5, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

It`s Art Bell`s revivial, `Midnight [sic] in the Desert`, as reported by myself and others several times in DXLD/yg (gh, DXLD)

** U S A. 15550-USB, July 31 at 1704, no signal detectable from WJHR; often buried in the noise level, but not even the NRD-545 can pull anything, while neighbor 15610 WEWN is sufficient. So, off the air? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

WJHR on air, when heard Aug 1st at 2112 UT, listen to attached ogg.audioformat recording. S=6 at 2112 UT in Edmonton, Alberta western Canada. Visible screen spectrum of usb signal portion was 15550.200 to 15552.700 kHz (Wolfgang B¸schel, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15550-USB, August 1 at 1607, presumed WJHR is JBA tho inaudible yesterday; Wolfgang B¸schel was also hearing it today via Edmonton at 2112 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 9370, August 3 at 0526, WWRB with Brother Scare both here and on 3185; you never know when they will keep the second transmitter on 9 MHz at night. Meanwhile, 9330 and the other two WBCQ frequencies are all off, this being UT Monday (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also SOUTH CAROLINA [non]

WWRB relay TOM on daytime frequency 9370 from 0000 or 0300 UT Aug. 3:
from 0300 9370 WRB 100 kW / 045 deg ENAm English & continues 0800
parallel 3185 WRB 100 kW / 045 deg ENAm English scheduled 0000-1300
Frequency 9370 WRB 100 kW / 045 deg to ENAm registered in HFCC 13-24
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/08/wwrb-relay-tom-on-daytime-frequency.html
(Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, dxldyg via DXLD)

** U S A. 5830 & 9475, August 4 at 1251, no signal on either WTWW-1 frequency; yet propagation from TN is VG for neighbors on 9980, 9370.

BTW, Mark Sills heard Ted Randall attacking me on the air after coming back from another outage which I missed. Hey Ted, I`m merely the messenger. You screw up, on a Worldwide broadcast, can`t expect it to go unnoticed. At least you`re no Voice of Greece or Radio Cairo, which also get noticed. Anomalies are newsworthy, ordinary operations not so much. And if something happens which is not your fault, fine, but you still shouldn`t resent my logging and reporting what is really to be heard (or not) (That`s why he dropped WOR from WTWW, even tho I refrain from conveying any negative info about carriers on their air) (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 690, August 1 at 1627 UT, open carrier/dead air from KGGF Coffeyville KS, and it isn`t even after midnight, or before 7 am CT. I assume their operator-in-charge (if any) is paying more attention to their FM; just another SNAFU (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. KMTL 760 Sherwood AR, a 10 kw ND daytimer, is currently (0015 CDT Aug 3 [0515 UT]) being heard at my QTH, below WJR on a very noisy band due to thunderstorm QRN. The format is Southern Gospel. 73 (Bill Dvorak, Madison WI, NRC AM via WORLD OF RADIO 1785, DXLD)

I also noted something odd vs WJR, but didn`t follow up. That must have been it; heard before after hours (gh, DXLD)

DX ALERT: 10 kW daytimer KMTL 760 Sherwood/Little Rock, AR on air AGAIN at this hour with southern gospel music. This happened a few days ago too. Posted by: (Paul B. Walker, Jr. 0147 UT Aug 5, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1785, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 770, July 31 at 0500 UT, CBS news from E/W running one word *ahead* of 780 WBBM, 0505 UT national ad, no ID, 0506 `Red Eye Radio`.

Must be KKOB Albuquerque NM, an RER carrier, but the last I knew it was with ABC news (and that always seemed out of place, as originally NBC along with KOB-TV). NRC AM Log of a year ago had it with ABC. Website sked
http://www.770kkob.com/on-air-programs/
doesn`t bother to mention news on the hour, but does now carry some CBS extended news programs especially weekends. I guess `Perspective` from ABC news is also gone. As for the website, it depends on linking to CNN for news stories (IIRC, CNN is no longer in the radio network news biz).

Usual quandary here whether I am hearing 50 kW North Valley main transmitter bleeding around the edges of its pattern supposedly protecting WABC in almost the same direxion but a hazard to balloonists; and/or the 230-watt ND fill-in KKOB in Santa Fe on the air only at night. Couldn`t the latter at least be granted a separate callsign, like KKOB-1? I am still espering for someone to arrange a DX test on Santa Fe with the Albuquerque deliberately turned off, however briefly in the middle of the night (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 780, August 1 at 0628 UT, can`t null WBBM completely, but enough to make out an announcement from KCEG, something about wanting to ``get in good graces of the landlord`` in Colorado Springs, asking for checks; ``Save The Ranch``, and country music. KCEG is 1900/720 watts U4, COL Fountain CO but address in Denver, and known as The Ranch (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 810, August 1 at 0215 UT, cowboy instrumental music including steel guitar, coming in fine on the NRD-545 with N/S shortwire, but ``looping`` east/west on the PL-880 ferrite (which I have to keep away from the noisy NRD display panel); 0217 UT ``Santa Fe`s best hoedown country music, AM 810``.

KSWV NM has long been a hybrid, ``QuÈ Suave`` but bilingual; still partly Spanish? I haven`t had a chance to listen to it locally in far too long. Obviously on 5 kW day power, not 10 watts night, both ND. Oops, official July sunset is 0215 UT, from tomorrow in local August, 0200 UT. Should have stayed with KSWV longer to note when they really went off. 770 KKOB already overtaken by something in Spanish (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 1190, August 4 at 0540 UT, rather rude political screed about a candidate nicknamed ``blow-job``, loops ENE/WSW, but it`s local mentioning Cahokia, i.e. IL side of St Louis. VG signal at first, so suspect day facility of KQQZ, COL DeSoto MO, but address in Belleville IL (and CP to be Fairview Heights IL) --- of course it must be, 10 kW day, direxional toward southwest, 22 watts night! In the

``hot talk`` aspect of its Jekyll/Hyde personality.

1190, August 5 at 0600 UT, KQQZ DeSoto MO daytimer is again running at night with presumed 10 kW aimed to the southwest. Apparently station owner thinx it`s more important to keep attacking the ``corrupt`` Democratic political establishment in St. Clair county IL (Belleville, etc.) than to obey federal rules. Bob Romanik, ``The Grim Reaper of Radio`` is closing his ``radical`` rantshow with thunder SFX, calling his political enemies SOBs, bastards. 0604 UT ``They`re coming to take me away, ha ha``; Jekyll/Hyde ID as First Amendment Radio/Killer Kountry, and into C&W music.

St Louis` alternative newspaper, The Riverfront Times, has run some articles on Romanik, quite a character, such as this one from a triyear ago:
http://www.riverfronttimes.com/2012-08-02/news/bob-romanik-grim-reaper-of-radio-insane-broadcasting/full/
It seems as an ex-con, convicted felon, he can`t own radio stations so technically members of his family own them (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1785, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 1660, KQWB, ND, West Fargo, 07/31 0330 EDT [0730 UT]. Now broadcasting FOX Sports radio. No longer Country music. No call sign change...yet (SMA-MB) - Remember on a Clear Day You Can Hear Forever (Shawn Axelrod VE4DX1SMA, Winnipeg MB Canada, NRC-AM via WORLD OF RADIO 1785, DXLD(

Which means that anyone who is parked on 1660 and hearing Fox Sports programming is going to have to listen for a ToH ID (or, at the very least, a stopset of mostly local ads) in order to differentiate this from WQLR in Michigan. 73, (Rick Dau, South Omaha, Nebraska EN21AF, Kenwood R-5000, Sangean ATS-909X, Sony ICF-2010, Quantum QX Pro loop, NRC-AM via WORLD OF RADIO 1785, DXLD)

Or use a D-Kaz antenna and you'll KNOW which one it is :-)) (Mark Durenberger, On The Road Again, NRC-AM via DXLD)

Too much sports on 1660: KRZI Waco is ESPN; also WBCN Charlotte with CBS Sports per last year`s NRC AM Log.

Stopset? That`s a new term on me; apparently it is a piece of hardware (ask Home Depot), but also applied to radio; Googling led to this blog
https://stopset.wordpress.com/
still up from 2009y blasting Clear Channel and Bain for job losses (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 92.7, July 30 at 1900 UT, SRN News, 1905 weather forecast starting with the day before, so a bit stale in the automation,

``Oldies, KWME``. 14 kW in Wellington KS, not far just across the frontier, but needs some tropo help to get past KOMA 92.5, still causing ACI to this steady signal often not audible; on caradio as I am bandscanning in case of any Mexican Es (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. ALAN CHEUSE, AUTHOR, TEACHER AND NPR LITERARY COMMENTATOR, DIES AT 75

Writer and critic Alan Cheuse in 2012. (Matt McClain/FOR THE WASHINGTON POST) By Matt Schudel August 1 at 6:51 PM [caption]

Alan Cheuse, who wrote novels and nonfiction while teaching at George Mason University but was perhaps best known for his literary commentary as NPR's "voice of books," died July 31 at a hospital in San Jose. He was 75.

He was injured July 14 in a car accident near San Jose while en route from a writers' conference in Squaw Valley, Calif., to his summer home in Santa Cruz, Calif. His daughter Sonya Cheuse, director of publicity for the Ecco publishing house, confirmed his death.

Mr. Cheuse (pronounced "Chews"), who lived in Washington, was a popular professor at George Mason, in Fairfax, Va., where he had taught writing and literature since 1987. He published more than a dozen books, including novels, short stories, essays and a memoir, and delivered thousands of commentaries on NPR. . .
http://www.washingtonpost.com/pb/local/obituaries/alan-cheuse-author-teacher-and-npr-literary-commentator-dies-at-75/2015/08/01/ad2c785a-3870-11e5-9739-170df8af8eb9_story.html?resType=acce
(via Mike Cooper, DXLD)

Tnx for that, Mike; our paths crossed when he was in Knoxville and recorded his reviews at the WUOT studios; not mentioned in the obit (Glenn to Mike, via DXLD)

Glenn: Didn't find anything mentioning his Knoxville days, but here's how he was mentioned on NPR:

REMEMBERING ALAN CHEUSE, OUR LONGTIME LITERARY GUIDE
NPR - Friday, July 31, 2015 Show: All Things Considered

MELISSA BLOCK: Alan Cheuse reviewed books for ALL THINGS CONSIDERED nearly every week since 1981. NPR's Susan Stamberg helped bring him to this program, and it's with a heavy heart for all of us here that today she brings us a remembrance. Alan was in a car accident in California earlier this month. He died today at age 75.

SUSAN STAMBERG: That soft, intense, passionate voice - in just two minutes, Alan paid his respects to good writing from one of his last reviews in early June of Karim Dimechkie's novel "Lifted by the Great Nothing."

ALAN CHEUSE: There's just so much of everything going on in these pages. It captured my attention completely in this charming novel about function and dysfunction, giving and loving, so much that made me wonder, made me laugh.

SUSAN STAMBERG: Whoever read as much as Alan Cheuse did? When he wasn't reading, he was teaching over the years at Bennington, the University of Virginia, University of Michigan and, for the last two-plus decades, at George Mason University. And when he wasn't reading and teaching, he was writing - five novels, novellas, short stories, textbooks. How he found time for the solitude and concentration that writing demands is a miracle.

Plus, he was at the center of literary life in Washington, D.C., and was a truly loving husband, father, grandfather. But Alan did manage to do it all. Summers in Santa Cruz gave him solitary writing time. But out West, he also taught at the Squaw Valley Writers Workshop. It was driving back from Northern California that he had the car accident.

Alan Cheuse was such a generous man. He always made time for his students. He always had suggestions to us about writers to keep track of as well as ones to avoid. He was a wonderful, caring, funny friend full of stories and totally apt literary quotations, good gossip too. Those who knew him will remember him for all of that. Listeners will remember and thank him for all that reading in our behalf. I'm Susan Stamberg.

MELISSA BLOCK: And we offer these words from the family of Alan Cheuse. In his honor tonight, please raise a glass of wine or whatever you may be drinking, tell a joke, hug someone you love, be kind and read a great story. This is NPR (via Mike Cooper, DXLD)

** U S A. Reliable Source --- DID NPR NIX THE `ALL STAFF' BUTTON?
By Helena Andrews August 4 at 12:24 PM Follow @helena_andrews
http://www.washingtonpost.com/pb/news/reliable-source/wp/2015/08/04/did-npr-nix-the-all-staff-button/?resType=accessibility

NPR headquarters in Washington. (Evy Mages/For The Washington Post)

We've all been there. A co-worker has lost their lucky rabbit's foot key chain "somewhere between the security desk and my cubicle" and wants the whole office on high alert. A seemingly innocent "all staff"

e-mail goes out to every single employee in the building. And then the replies start rolling in. To. Everyone's. Inbox.

NPR was the latest (but certainly not the last) office to fall victim to the epic "all staff" memo last week when the news organization's staffers got into an lively inbox discussion over the use of profanity in on air reports.

[RELATED: "Wait, wait -- can you say that on air? There's a debate on cursing at NPR."]

Soon after The Post wrote about the internal debate and veteran NPR reporter Nina Totenberg's greatest "all-staff memo of all time" pushing back on the public broadcaster's "policing of parlance," yet another all newsroom missive went out to employees. And the timing froze a few typing fingers.

NPR brass, according to sources in the building, sought to nip the mounting replies in the bud by nixing "all staff" altogether. Or so some thought.

Turns out the internal staff memo admonishing NPRer with itchy "all staff" fingers was more gentle reminder than firm edict.

David Sweeney, NPR's managing editor of news operations, told us (in an e-mail) that the e-mail to end all "all staff" e-mails "was simply meant to clarify NPR's existing policy" surrounding all staff correspondence.

Sweeney wrote that the all staff listserv "wasn't adequately serving its intended purpose." Looking for a pet sitter for Saturday? Then post a note to the internal staff bulletin board, folks, don't e-mail the entire building.

The point of pointing out the difference, wrote Sweeney, was to underscore "the value in isolating efficient operational news planning from ongoing conversations around ethics, content ideas or human resources questions."

Sweeney also noted that NPR encourages "our staff to always be thinking about and discussing modern journalism, ethics and transparency."

So the all staff memo is still alive a well at National Public Radio, but similar to the bleep use it wisely.

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to reliablesource@washpost.com (via Mike Cooper, DXLD)

** U S A. On station KGNU in Boulder CO there is a program called Shortwave Report on Mondays at 3:30 pm mountain time. You can go to kgnu.org and click on schedule, then click on the program name, you can then click on archives going back several weeks and listen any time you want (William T Hassig, IL, Aug 3, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

It`s also on a number of other stations. Originally taping excerpts of broadcasts from the same few major SW stations over and over, the last I checked, it was more and more webcasts from them, not really shortwave at all (gh, DXLD)

** URUGUAY. 3020, 26/06/2015 2100, R. Ibirapita [sic], Uruguay (Miguel Castellino, Castelli DX Camp, GRA blog via WORLD OF RADIO 1785, DXLD)

Per WRTH 2015: 1510 kHz, CW151, 0.5 kW, R. Ibirapit·, San Gregorio de Polanco, TacuarembÛ, at 1000-0200 (gh, DXLD)

** UZBEKISTAN [non]. 17665, July 30 at 1314, drama here on poor fluttery signal, after finding no CNR8 Korean on 17660. Central Asian language? Cuts off at 1329:30*. Aoki shows it`s BBC Uzbek, 250 kW, 315 degrees from SINGAPORE, 1300-1330 on Sun/Thu/Sat only, and this is Thursday. Normally *jammed by the ChiCom, interfering in the internal affairs of Uzbekistan, but no sign of that now! Same service on other days: 17575 on Tue & Fri; 17510 on Mon & Wed (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** VATICAN [and non]. Russian transmission change the frequency, starting at 1230. New frequency 11845 kHz. Previous - 11850 kHz - has been changed due to the interference from the Chinese radio and AIR in the Chinese working at a frequency of 11855 kHz. Selecting a new frequency was unsuccessful, as the All India Radio also change the frequency of its transmission in the Chinese language as well 1145-1315 clicking on 11845 kHz, which is subjected to noise jamming. All this greatly complicates receiving Russian transfer Vatican Radio (Fedor Brazhnikov, Irkutsk, MIDXB # 954 via RusDX 2 August via DXLD)

** VENEZUELA. UN DÕA COMO HOY SE CREA LA RADIO NACIONAL DE VENEZUELA
Diario El Periodiquito
http://www.elperiodiquito.com/article/198864/Un-dia-como-hoy-se-crea-la-Radio-Nacional-de-Venezuela-

Hace 79 aÒos fue creada la Radio Nacional de Venezuela por decreto presidencial de Eleazar LÛpez Contreras, el 29 de julio de 1936.

Bajo el mandato de Eleazar LÛpez Contreras la Radio Nacional de Venezuela, fundada el 29 de julio de 1936, se creÛ como instrumento de

informaciÛn del Estado. Para este entonces, la naciente radio se localizaba en el piso superior del Teatro Nacional y no contaba con equipos necesarios ni antenas, razÛn por la cual tuvieron que realizar sus transmisiones a travÈs de la Broadcasting Caracas (1-BC). A lo largo de su existencia la Radio Nacional de Venezuela se ha regido por las distintas Leyes de Telecomunicaciones: la de 1936 y la de 1940. Luego se apegÛ al reglamento de Radiocomunicaciones, promulgado en 1941 el cual tuvo larga vigencia. Al crearse la C·mara de Industria de la RadiodifusiÛn, la RNV pasa a formar parte de Èsta. (La Era de la Radio en Venezuela 1996).

La sede de la estaciÛn se encuentra ubicada actualmente en el Pedregal de ChapellÌn, al final de la calle Las MarÌas con Vaamonde. RNV es la red de emisoras con mayor cobertura en el territorio venezolano.

En la actualidad Radio Nacional de Venezuela cuenta con varios canales: Canal Informativo, que constituye el canal bandera en materia informativa y de opiniÛn; Canal Cl·sico, destinado a la difusiÛn de obras musicales nacionales y extranjeras de corte cl·sico, asÌ como de una programaciÛn cultural variada; Canal Activa, cuya programaciÛn est· fundamentalmente dirigida a niÒos y jÛvenes; Canal Musical, dirigido a la difusiÛn de m˙sica ligera y popular; Onda Corta Internacional cuya programaciÛn est· destinada a la difusiÛn de noticias e informaciones a nivel internacional. HB Foto Archivo Posted by: (JOSE MIGUEL ROMERO ROMERO, dxldyg via DXLD)

Hi JosÈ, What has it been now, maybe 3 to 5 years ago that R. Nacional de Venezuela programming was actually relayed via SW from Cuba? Back then I enjoyed their English and Spanish programs. Today, is there anything presently on SW? (Ron Howard, California, ibid.)

Hi Ron and JosÈ, I worked as the English language producer/presenter at RNV from 1991 to 1993 when we had English, French and Haitian Creole services. RNV hasn't been on SW since Cuba stopped relaying its broadcasts about the time Ch·vez died, if I am not mistaken. Before that, the 50 kW antenna was down for many years.

But the studios still remain in the ChapellÌn neighborhood in a ch,let that once belonged to Pedro Estrada, the head of the dreaded secret police during the Marcos PÈrez JimÈnez dictatorship. Estrada died in exile in France after reportedly teaching the French how to interrogate Algerian rebels during the Algerian war for independence.

Hola Ron y JosÈ, Yo trabajÈ como productor y locutor para el servicio en inglÈs de la RNV entre los aÒos 1991-93. En aquel Època, habÌa servicios al exterior en inglÈs, francÈs y criollo. Hace aÒos que la RNV no sale en onda corta atravÈs de los transmisores de Radio Habana y, si no me equivoco, esto terminÛ cuando se muriÛ Ch·vez. Y por

muchos aÒos antes de eso, el transmisor de 50 kv habÌa estado fuera del aire.

Pero los estudios siguen en el mismo sector de ChapellÌn, situados en un chalet que perteneciÛ al ex jefe de la Seguridad Nacional, Pedro Estrada, bajo el rÈgimen de Marcos PÈrez JimÈnez. Estrada falleciÛ en exilio en ParÌs despuÈs de que supuestamente ayudÛ a los franceses interrogar a los rebeldes durante la guerra de independencia en Argelia. 73s, (Marty Delfin (Madrid, Spain), ibid.)

** VIETNAM. 6020, VOV4, via Buon Me Thuot, capital of Dak Lak Province, in the Central Highlands, at 1406, on July 30. Minorities language with indigenous singing/music. Next day covered 1330-1430 by Shiokaze (also earlier and later by N. Korean jamming). My music audio https://app.box.com/s/qiuy193rojy5lc4vxet5hwtxflttw5rg (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, E1 & CR-1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) see KOREA NORTH[non]

** VIRGIN ISLANDS BRITISH. 780, 0000-2400, ZBVI Tortola, British Virgin Islands; CALLSIGN LISTED IN ITU REGISTER 1997 AS ZBV, years before it was listed as ZBV1 (1, not I). (Maurico Molano, Spain, MWCircle yg via DXLD)

** YEMEN. YEMENíS PRIME MINISTER RETURNS TO ADEN. Intended to open the radio and television. August 4 http://www.thenational.ae/world/middle-east/yemens-prime-minister-returns-to-aden

ADEN // Yemenís prime minister Khaled Bahah led a team of top officials back to Aden on Saturday, pledging to continue restoring stability to the city. Mr Bahah is also vice president and is the highest ranking politician to return to Yemen since Iranian-backed Houthi rebels were driven out of Aden last month.

The president, Abdrabu Mansur Hadi, and his internationally recognised government had to seek refuge in Saudi Arabia this year after the Iranian-backed rebels overran the capital, Sanaa, followed by the southern port city of Aden.

Hadi loyalist forces backed by a Saudi-led Arab coalition that includes the UAE forced the rebels out of Aden two weeks ago, and on Saturday Mr Bahah returned to the city on a Saudi military plane. He promised that ìnormal lifeî would return to a ìliberated Adenî and that he would be visiting people wounded in the fighting.

Senior government officials arrived on a separate plane from Saudi Arabia. The human rights minister, Ezzedine Al Isbahi, said they would supervise work already under way to reopen public buildings and resume

broadcasts at the state television and radio stations. Posted by:
(JOSE MIGUEL ROMERO ROMERO, Aug 4, dxldyg via DXLD)

** ZANZIBAR. TANZANIA, 11735, Zanzibar Broadcasting Corporation, Dole, 1747-1800, escuchada el 30 de julio de 2015 en swahili con emisiÛn de m˙sica Ètnica, se aprecia una sorprendente mejorÌa en la modulaciÛn, SINPO 33443.

11735, Zanzibar Broadcasting Corporation, Dole, 1800-1810, escuchada el 30 de julio de 2015 en inglÈs a locutora con ID ìZanzibar Broadcasting CorporatiÛnî, noticias internacionales con referencias a ìWasington, Minesota y Mexico Cityî, nueva ID, SINPO 34443 (JosÈ Miguel Romero, SacaÒet (CastellÛn), EspaÒa, YAESU FRG-7700, Antena hilo 10m, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1785, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Zanzibar Broadcasting Corporation in Swahili and English, July 30:
from 1712 on 11735 DOL 050 kW / non-dir to CeAf Swahili
from 1801 on 11735 DOL 050 kW / non-dir to CeAf English
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/08/zanzibar-broadcasting-corporation-in.html

July 30: Zanzibar Broadcasting Corporation in Swahili to CeAf 1712
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q9iL9qD1g2w&feature=youtu.be
Zanzibar Broadcasting Corporation English to CeAf 1801 on 11735 Dole:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8gftmC0pJtM&feature=youtu.be
(Ivo Ivanov, central Bulgaria DX-pedition, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1785, DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. 4824.45 approx., July 31 at 0110, JBA carrier. Maybe R. CanÁ„o Nova, Brasil, which Carlos GonÁalves and Bob Wilkner have both reported on 4824.9 recently. 4915 Brasil was in (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. UNID station on 6005 kHz was mixed with Denge Kurdistan via Secretbrod on Aug. 4:
1430-1459 on 6005 secret / hidden site to EaAf Amharic or Tigrinya UNIDentified
// frequency 11600 SCB 100 kW / 090 deg to WeAs Kurdish Denge Kurdistan in A-15:
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/08/unid-station-on-6005-khz-was-mixed-with.html
-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, dxldyg via DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. 10000 kHz -- UNID music, sinpo 33222, 1720 UT, atÈ agora estou pensando o que dar na cabeÁa de uma pessoa transmitir em 10000 kHz, com tantas emissoras hor·rias nessa frequÍncia; os QRMs È de emissoras de horas do mundo todo 02/03 [sic --- means August 3 or August 2?]

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3sbthhvmzak&feature=youtu.be
RX: Tecsun S-2000 Antenna: Long wire 400 Meters (Daniel Wyllyans, Nova Xavantina MT Brazil, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

YouTube comments: Published on Aug 3, 2015

Daniel, Tudo indica ser a Italcable, uma empresa italiana que produz informaÁıes de sinal hor·rio. A caracterÌstica deles È m˙sica entre os 'minutos cheios'. Confirmei-a neste ano via rx remoto. O e-mail para contato È: info@associazioneitalcable.it
73, Rudolf Grimm
==
Hi, I think it's the Italian time signal station
73 de Markku OH6MJ Karpero Finland
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Saludos Daniel, se trata de la estaciÛn utilitaria Italcable en 10000 kHz, los fines de semana emiten m˙sica y dan la hora. Manda report y envian QSL JOSE MIGUEL ROMERO ROMERO
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10000 kHz Maybe Radio Associazione Amici di Italcable
Thanks Risto Harjula.
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https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3sbthhvmzak
Thanks for Identification 73s from Brazil (DW Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

There must have been Italian announcements/timechex mixed in with the music in the first place (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. 15505, August 1 at 1647, poor S3 signal maybe with hymn, 1648 Arabish? Aoki and HFCC show only thing at this hour is VOA Tibetan via Biblis, Germany (+ jamming), but only on M/W/F and this is Saturday. Maybe Bangladesh was on past 1545? Unlikely; or something completely different (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

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UNSOLICITED TESTIMONIALS
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ACKNOWLEDGED ON WORLD OF RADIO 1785:
Thanks to William T Hassig, Mount Prospect IL, for a check in the mail to P O Box 1684, Enid OK 73702

Happy 1st week of August, good DX &, of course, thanks for putting out an epic DX resource (Dan Sheedy, California)

CONVENTIONS & CONFERENCES
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CIDX ANNUAL VERNON IKEDA MEMORIAL SUMMER BARBEQUE
Saturday, August 15th 2015, 1 pm Eastern (1700 UTC)
LOCATION: 79 Kipps Street, Greenfield Park, QC
Google Map: http://goo.gl/maps/1UvxP

We are pleased to announce the 2015 CIDX Annual Vernon Ikeda Memorial Summer Barbecue. Hot dogs & hamburgers will be served. Please bring your own beverages. Any food contributions (snacks, desserts, etc.) will be appreciated. Please bring your own chair too. Please confirm your attendance by telephone, 450-671-3773 or by e-mail to Sheldon Harvey at ve2shw@yahoo.com
All CIDX members and radio friends are welcome to attend.

Everyone here in the Montreal region is getting geared up for this yearís edition of the Vernon Ikeda CIDX annual Montreal Summer Barbecue on Saturday, August 15th. In addition to the Saturday barbecue, on Sunday, August 16th, we are having a group of CIDXers as guests on the International Radio Report on CKUT FM in Montreal. You can tune in to hear the show live on 90.3 FM in Montreal from 10:30 am to 11 am Eastern (1430 to 1500 UT) on live streaming on
http://www.ckut.ca
where the show will be archived. Following the show, CIDX member Beta Wayne has invited us all to visit another local radio station, CINQ-Radio Centre-Ville, 102.3 MHz. It should be a fun weekend of radio and radio friends. If youíre going to be in the Montreal area on August 15th and/or 16th, please get in touch with CIDX HQ to let us know that you would like to participate (August CIDX Messenger via DXLD)

DX-PEDITIONS
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DX Camp Castelli

En esta nota redactada e ilustrada por nuestro amigo Alejandro Daniel Alvarez, podr·n conocer las alternativas, circunstancias, participantes, equipamiento y logros realizados en este DX Camp celebrado el mes pasado en las proximidades de la ciudad de Castelli, al sudeste de la provincia de Buenos Aires. Los invitamos a disfrutar la nota completa haciendo "click" en
https://gruporadioescuchaargentino.wordpress.com/2015/07/26/castelli-dx-camp-2015-buenos-aires-argentina/
(Arnaldo Slaen, August 1, noticiasdx yg via DXLD)

Notably with beverages they pulled in a number of Europirates on the 6 MHz band; a Brazilian DXer is also accomplishing this (gh, DXLD)

PETRESHKO, CENTRAL BULGARIA

Dear visitors of the blog, I spent a few days with my fellow Dx-er Georgi (LZ2GPB) in the remote village of Patreshko, located in a mountainous region in Central Bulgaria. We did not have any low-band antennas ready yet but we hang up a single Inverted V dipole antenna for every broadcast band between 31 and 13 meters. We did record a few videos and you may find them below. More to come in our forthcoming DXPedition at the end of August when we will take advantage of full range of antennas, covering longwave up to 30 MHz (Ivo Ivanov, dxldyg via DXLD) So this applies to scattered logs dated July 30, 31 at least

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WLW WAS AMERICA`S ONE AND ONLY SUPERPOWER RADIO STATION IN THE 1930s

http://www.neh.gov/humanities/2015/mayjune/feature/in-the-1930s-radio-station-wlw-in-ohio-was-americas-one-and-only-sup
(via Terry Krueger, DXLD)

RADIO PHILATELY
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WILLIS CONOVER TO BE STAMPED

For anyone who missed it: the campaign to put Willis Conover on a stamp:

Many of us have fond memories of listening to Willis Conover and the VOA Jazz Hour. There is currently a drive underway to put Conover on a stamp, in recognition of all he accomplished by presenting American jazz to people around the world throughout the Cold War. For many years this music symbolized freedom to the folks who listened beyond the iron curtain. Conover was a true jazz expert, and drew most of the material for the show from his personal collection of 60,000(!) records. The address for the USPS Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee is

475 L'Enfant Plaza SW, Room 3300
Washington, DC 20260-3501

More details are available on the Willis Conover page on Facebook (run by members of his family - I think the main editor is his niece?). 73 (Tim Hall, CA, Aug 5, ABDX via DXLD) See also U S A

DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- IBOC/DAB
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DAB FAILED IN CANADA, NON-STARTER IN USA AND USM [gh`s headline]

IMHO the military allocations thing is (was) a red herring. Military spectrum has been freed for land mobile (cellular); Eureka DAB will operate in a variety of bands. A place could have been found for DAB in the U.S. if the industry had wanted it.

The industry didn't want it. DAB would have given every radio station a full-fidelity signal with the same coverage 24/7. In analog, the 6,000-watt FM station in the county seat doesn't have to worry about competition from the 5,000-watt Class D AM station across the street. The AM station vanishes at sunset and even during the day, it's AM.

In DAB digital, that AM station would have the same signal day & night. And the signal would have the same frequency response, distortion, and noise levels as the FM station. Here in Nashville, fifteen full-market FM signals would suddenly face ten new full-market competitors (Doug Smith W9WI, Pleasant View, TN EM66, http://www.w9wi.com July 27, WTFDA Forum via DXLD)

DAB was a mismatch for North American radio anyway. It builds heavily on the European multiplex, national service model. The US affiliate ownership and local coverage model aren't exactly compatible with the multiplex model. (Even in a world of Clear Channels and whatnot, US radio and TV is a lot more locally oriented than in most countries around the world. I'm not sure why it is, but it seems local advertising sells in the US and not in, say, the UK or Mexico.) DAB would require the US to adopt the multiplex model.

And even without multiplexes, DAB was unlikely to be adopted in the US anyway. DAB (as opposed to DAB+) was rather primitive, MPEG part 2 audio and weak error correction. Besides, it was a European standard. The importance of national pride to broadcasters, equipment manufacturers, and government agencies is not something to be overlooked when it comes to adopting broadcast standards.

And the frequency band issue was still at play, even if the military frequencies really weren't off the table. The FM band isn't really considered prime real estate by cellular providers or any other lobbying group in the US, so there wasn't a push to clear FM broadcasting out of the 88 MHz to 108 MHz band, let alone to some high frequency band (namely L Band) better used for satellite downlinks and uplinks than terrestrial transmissions. (A large factor for the push for ATSC was, of course, cellular companies that wanted parts of the UHF TV spectrum. Besides, the FCC seems to be following a policy of promoting multicasting and narrowcasting technologies over traditional broadcasting technologies.)

On the other hand, in Europe, there had been a push for several years to move broadcasting out of VHF bands I and II, through the retirement of older broadcast standards.

Last edited by kc9hzn; 07-30-2015 at 11:26 AM. Reason: Added a couple of line breaks for readability (Daniel KC9HZN, Danville, IL, EN60, ibid.) And gh added some more

That's a good point. I've talked about how a multiplex model system like DVB-T2 might have been a better structural fit for Mexico's television system (though certainly not an economic fit). On the radio side and in the US, the opposite is true. Even our large media companies ó the ones with the capacity to run national formats ó have not really been up to the task of creating them.

Not only is there a preference for local media among consumers, but the United States with its four large time zones and relatively large disparities between them makes it structurally hard to create such a thing. It'd be a cash cow for iHeartMedia to go in and say, "We're going to blow up all our country stations nationwide and give them a common imaging and brand". (Cumulus has done this with NASH, to an extent, and Kiss and Mix are other examples.)

Mexico, though, has always had a centralized media landscape, and reeling off its national radio networks produces a correspondingly longer list: Los 40 Principales, W Radio, Ke Buena, La Mejor, Exa FM, La Comadre, Radio FÛrmula, Imagen, ABC Radio, La Bestia Grupera, Planeta, etc. (Raymie Humbert, Phúnix AZ, July 30, ibid.)

More in response to the earlier posts in this thread: there is some concern here in Canada about (full use of) IBOC coexisting with Short Spacing of FM stations, which has been a popular solution in our biggest markets.

As I understand it, Canadian FM stations that are Short Spaced are not allowed to use SCMO (Canada-speak for SCA) channels.

The ability of most consumer FM receivers to separate the two stations cleanly in all situations (equal strength signals, one weak/one strong) is the concern (Jon, Edmonton, Canada, Aug 2, ibid.)

DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- DTV See MEXICO; OKLAHOMA
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DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- DRM See AUSTRALIA; INDIA
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RADIO EQUIPMENT FORUM
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WHAT THE FREQUENCY IS

I stumbled across a website at shows the exact frequency of the 4 North American power grids. It's
http://fnetpublic.utk.edu/
I looked at it while also looking at the local power on a freq counter and you can see it swing up and down from exactly 60 Hz. There are other things you can click on to see frequency in other countries. The frequency is set by very large rotating equipment and it's not steady or exact (William T Hassig, IL, August 3, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

WINDOWS 10 AND PERSEUS

Windows 10 --- Hello, For those of you using Perseus: I have updated one of my computers to Windows 10 today. I did not expect any problem with Perseus v 4.1a, and I can now confirm that it works fine. The Perseus program shows up as always after updating the operating system, but the USB-driver has to be reinstalled.

Same procedure as with Windows 8/8.1 here. The Microtelecom drivers are unsigned and Microsoft sees this as a security problem. Before installing you have to disable driver signature enforcement (Google for instructions on how to do this). (//Per Eriksson via A-DX via SW Bulletin Aug 2 via DXLD)

WINDOWS 10 UPDATE ISSUE

Good morning, Windows lovers, the inflexible way that Microsoft pushes Windows 10 updates onto the users can surely be a problem for people with remote listening stations. I myself will wait a good while with upgrading my remote unit from the reliable Windows 7 to Windows 10.

Have found that Windows 10 has a function (Advanced under the WiFi tab on Settings) that prohibits updates to be downloaded on connections with "data princes". This is to ensure cost control for users with mobile broadband. Seems that applying this setting stops the updates coming.

Have by now installed Windows 10 Home on two computers. Updating a HP desktop Win 7 PC went unbelievably smooth. To update my newer Windows 8.1 Lenovo laptop was a nightmare with several bluescreens and a rollback to Win 8.1 before reaching the goal.

Also tried some more SDR related software in this new environment. SDR-Console 1.5 (build 1425) works as before. So does the Elad FDM-SW2

console 1.100 (beta). (//Per Eriksson via A-DX, ibid.)

PERSEUS WORKS FINE WITH WINDOWS 10

Auch wenn das neue Windows 10 sicher eine gute Sache ist, eine wichtige Information f¸r alle DXer welche die HOME Version verwenden werden:

Bei dieser l‰flt sich das automatische Update nach derzeitigem Stand NICHT (!) abschalten. Es kann also durchaus sein dass um 03 Uhr UT Windows auf die Idee kommt mal ein paar Updates einzuspielen und neu zu starten. Mit der Aufnahme ist es dann aber vorbei. 73 (Christoph Ratzer via A-DX, ibid.)

Nico arbeitet hier aber aktuell an einer Verbesserung. Aus einer privaten Mail: "The new driver package will contain a configuration file which is used by a tool which will generate a signed copy of the driver package directly on the users machine, thus avoiding any need to boot W8 with the driver signature disabled (something which annoy many users). I will publish the new package driver soon" 73 (Christoph Ratzer via A-DX, ibid.)

NEW SOFTWARE COMING - PERSEUS VER 5.0

Dear friends, the new Perseus software version I planned to made available at the end of 2014 is almost ready. I apologize for the delay. At the beginning of the year I had some problems that kept me far away from the concentration I needed to complete the development I promised up to few time ago.

Anyway, the playback version of the Perseus V will be available probably by mid August. It will serve as a full demonstration of the new sofware release so that everyone could decide if it will be worth buying the full version which I will make available soon later.

In this new version, besides the resizable GUI, I've changed a lot of things. I've redesigned part of the DSP chain in order to get a greater performance. And changed also a lot on the tuning methods in order to make the GUI more comfortable.

Along with the playback version I will try to publish a starting guide so that everyone could better understand the differences with the previous software revisions.

For what concerns the real-time version I need to understand which kind of problems are still experienced under Windows 7 and here comes your feedbacks. For the development I'm using two systems, a 64-bit W7 professional o.s. and a 32 bit system. I've no hardware initialization

problems in both cases. The Perseus WinUsb drivers are still unsigned but get installed on the 64-bit system provided that the user accept to install them when the system requires to do it.

If you are experiencing a different situation please let me know and drop an email to me at the address: info at microtelecom dot it

I will not reply to your feedbacks but they would help me anyway to better understand what actions should be be taken to solve the most common issues concerning the hardware installation. So please don't exhitate [hesitate?] (don't forget to include all the details of your o.s. version and platform; otherwise they would be quite useless).

What I can say you more? The new software version looks pretty good and I'm quite satisfied of the job I've done. I think you will appreciate it soon as well (Best 73s, Nico / IV3NWV, SW Bulletin Aug 2 via DXLD)

COLLINS MECHANICAL FILTERS DISCONTINUED
Mechanische Collins Filter --- Harte Zeiten kommenÖ

"Collins will no longer manufacture those wonderful mechanical filters that so many of us love after the imminent, and limited, final production run. Seems that DSP technology and the concomitant ever dropping cost has finally doomed these fine Collins products after over 65 years since their introduction. In case you are not aware, it takes about 12 weeks to manufacture one of these filters"
https://www.rockwellcollins.com/Capabilities_and_Markets/More/Rockwell_Collins_Filters.aspx
(73 Christoph Ratzer via A-DX via SW Bulletin Aug 2 via DXLD)

DX-ING IN 1925

"Here, outside in the night air, all was quiet. Silence -- and yet one felt the mystery of these invisible waves, the miracle of the hidden voices, sweeping out through the night." ~ Journalist Leslie Baily ~ 1925 (Rich DíAngelo, DSWCI DX Window August 5 via DXLD)

This is the tagline ending every issue of the NASWA Flashsheet. I always figured it was editor Mark Taylor`s rather than Rich D`Angelo`s, who does handle the mailing and backup editing (gh, DXLD)

PROPAGATION
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:Product: Weekly Highlights and Forecasts
:Issued: 2015 Aug 03 0155 UTC
Prepared by the US Dept. of Commerce, NOAA, Space Weather Prediction

Center
Product description and SWPC contact on the Web
http://www.swpc.noaa.gov/weekly.html
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Weekly Highlights and Forecasts
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Highlights of Solar and Geomagnetic Activity 27 July - 02 August 2015

Solar activity was dominated by B-class flare activity (very low levels) throughout the majority of the summary period, however, Region 2390 (S17, L=199, class/area=Dai/170 on 27 Jul) produced a single C1 flare (low levels) at 01/2005 UTC, which was the largest event of the period. No Earth-directed coronal mass ejections (CMEs) were observed during the summary period.

No proton events were observed at geosynchronous orbit.

The greater than 2 MeV electron flux at geosynchronous orbit was at normal levels on 31 Aug with moderate levels observed throughout the remainder of the summary period.

Geomagnetic field activity reached active levels on 27, 30-31 Jul and 02 Aug in response to an enhanced solar wind environment caused by the influence of multiple weak coronal hole high speed streams (CH HSSs). Geomagnetic field activity remained at quiet to unsettled levels throughout the remainder of the summary period.

FORECAST OF SOLAR AND GEOMAGNETIC ACTIVITY 03 AUGUST - 29 AUGUST 2015

Solar activity is expected to be at very low (B-class flare activity) to low levels (C-class flare activity) throughout the outlook period.

No proton events are expected at geosynchronous orbit.

The greater than 2 MeV electron flux at geosynchronous orbit is expected to be at moderate levels on 07-08, 17-21, 23, and 26-29 Aug in response to enhanced geomagnetic field activity cause by the influence of multiple recurrent coronal hole high speed streams (CH HSSs). High electron flux levels are expected for the remainder of the outlook period.

Geomagnetic field activity is expected to reach G1 (Minor) geomagnetic storm levels on 28 Aug with active levels expected on 06-07, 17, 20, 26-27, and 29 Aug, all due to the influence of multiple recurrent CH HSSs. The geomagnetic field is expected to be at quiet to unsettled levels throughout the remainder of the outlook period.

:Product: 27-day Space Weather Outlook Table 27DO.txt

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http://www.swpc.noaa.gov/wwire.html
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27-day Space Weather Outlook Table
Issued 2015-08-03
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# UTC Date	Radio Flux 10.7 cm	Planetary A Index	Largest Kp Index
2015 Aug 03	100	10	3
2015 Aug 04	100	8	3
2015 Aug 05	100	5	2
2015 Aug 06	105	12	4
2015 Aug 07	105	18	4
2015 Aug 08	105	8	3
2015 Aug 09	100	5	2
2015 Aug 10	95	5	2
2015 Aug 11	95	5	2
2015 Aug 12	90	5	2
2015 Aug 13	90	5	2
2015 Aug 14	90	5	2
2015 Aug 15	95	5	2
2015 Aug 16	95	5	2
2015 Aug 17	95	12	4
2015 Aug 18	95	10	3
2015 Aug 19	90	8	3
2015 Aug 20	90	12	4
2015 Aug 21	95	10	3
2015 Aug 22	95	5	2
2015 Aug 23	100	8	3
2015 Aug 24	100	5	2
2015 Aug 25	105	5	2
2015 Aug 26	105	12	4
2015 Aug 27	105	18	4
2015 Aug 28	100	25	5
2015 Aug 29	100	12	4

(SWPC via WORLD OF RADIO 1785, DXLD)

Propagation News ñ 2 August 2015 --- RSGB July 31, 2015

HF propagation conditions during last weekendís IOTA contest were pretty dire. This was due to a perfect storm of typical summer conditions, a fairly low sunspot count and poor geomagnetic conditions, reflected in a Kp index of three. This was due to the arrival of material from a coronal mass ejection and the onset of a weak high speed solar wind stream from a coronal hole. One contestant

said that he worked no stations outside of Europe at all in the IOTA contest, which just about sums it up!

Over the next week the solar flux index is predicted to be in the range 100-110 with the Ap index in the range five to sixteen. The third, fourth and fifth are predicted to be the most settled days geomagnetically, with Sunday, 2 August and next weekend predicted to be very unsettled with the chance of the Kp index hitting five. This means that you may be better off hunting DX during the week as next weekend may see a return of unsettled conditions with poor maximum usable frequencies in terms of F layer propagation and low DX potential.

As we are now in August, make sure you use the new smoothed sunspot number of 51 for your VOACAP-based prediction programs.

VHF and up propagation news:

This will be another week of mixed, but not really strong indicators. Tropo-wise there are likely to be periods when there is a weak ridge of high pressure over southern parts of Britain and this could mean slightly enhanced prospects at times, both across to the Baltic, and south across Biscay towards Spain.

Unfortunately, for much of the week, there will be a large area of low pressure near north-western Britain and this will mean its only rain scatter on offer for many north-western areas of the UK.

For sporadic-E, the prospects are reasonable on two counts. Firstly there is a very non-summer jet stream, albeit weaker than last week, over the British Isles and into northern Europe. Jet streams are good places to generate the wave motion in the air that can propagate vertically to make sporadic-E.

Secondly, we are approaching the interesting part of the year for the Perseids meteor shower, which peaks around 12 August and meteors are generally regarded as the raw materials of sporadic-E. For a day-by-day update on the jet stream check out the sporadic-E blog on RSGB Forums.

It is also less than two weeks to the Perseids meteor shower, peaking around 12 August.

With EME, the moon declination is increasing and losses are lowest today and Monday.

http://rsgb.org/main/blog/news/gb2rs/propagation-news/2015/07/31/propagation-news-2-august-2015/

(via Mike Terry, dxldyg via DXLD)

PERSEID METEOR SHOWER IN 2015 --- Timeanddate.com

The 2015 Perseid meteor shower will peak around August 11. A new moon on August 14, 2015 will create perfect conditions for watching the meteor shower. The Perseids seem to come from the direction of the Perseus, a constellation in the north-eastern part of the sky.

Can I See the Perseids?

The Perseid meteor shower, one of the brighter meteor showers of the year, occur every year between July 17 and August 24. The shower tends to peak around August 9-13. The best time to view the Perseids, or most other meteor showers is when the sky is the darkest. Most astronomers suggest that depending on the Moonís phase, the best time to view meteor showers is right before dawn.

Comet Swift-Tuttle:

Made of tiny space debris from the comet Swift-Tuttle, the Perseids are named after the constellation Perseus.This is because the direction, or radiant, from which the shower seems to come in the sky lies in the same direction as the constellation Perseus, which can be found in the north-eastern part of the sky.While the skies light up several time a year by other meteor showers , the Perseids are widely sought after by astronomers and stargazers. This is because at its peak, one can see 60 to a 100 meteors in an hour from a dark place.

Where Can I See the Perseids?

The Perseids can be seen in the Northern Hemisphere. Look between the radiant, which will be in the north-east part of the sky and the zenith (the point in sky directly above you). While you can easily see a shooting star with the naked eye just looking straight up, the table below shows the exact direction of the Orionids from your location.

More information at
http://www.timeanddate.com/astronomy/meteor-shower/perseid.html

Detecting meteors using radio normally employs either Back-Scatter or Forward-Scatter of radio waves reflected off the meteors ionised plasma trail. See
http://www.gdobsy.co.uk/perseid.htm

Meteor scatter: A fun way to receive FM radio signals. See
https://fmradiodx.wordpress.com/2013/09/12/meteor-scatter-a-fun-way-to-receive-fm-radio-signals/)

(via Mike, Aug 5, dxldyg via DXLD)

Space Weather News for August 5, 2015 --- http://spaceweather.com

PERSEID FIREBALLS: One meteor shower produces more fireballs than any other--and it's underway now. Earth is entering a stream of debris from Comet Swift-Tuttle, source of the annual Perseid meteor shower. NASA all-sky cameras are detecting an increasing number of Perseid fireballs as the shower's peak approaches on Aug. 12-13. Check http://spaceweather.com for updates and more information.
Posted by: (Mike Terry, dxldyg via DXLD)

GLENN`S PROPAGATION OUTLOOK FOR MEDIA NETWORK PLUS AS OF AUGUST 6:

IPS in Australia`s Global HF forecast: normal propagation at low latitudes; normal to fair at middle and hi latitudes thru August 8.

Spaceweather South Africa: magnetic conditions active August 7; shortwave fadeouts unlikely, MUF unstable thru August 8.

Met Office UK forecast thru August 9: Solar activity at low or very low levels with a 20% chance of R1/R2 radio blackouts. A risk of geomagnetic activity reaching active or minor storm levels with planetary K index of 4 or 5, mainly on the 7th due to onset of a coronal hole, high speed stream.

The geomagnetic field forecast from Petr Kolman in Prague:
active to disturbed on August 7(-8)
quiet to active on August 9, 18
quiet to unsettled on August 10 - 11, 16, 19 - 22
quiet on August 12 - 14
mostly quiet on August 15, 17, 23 - 26

From Natural Resources Canada: magnetic activity most unsettled August 7-9 in all zones.

The outlook from SWPC in Boulder: Active geomagnetic field August 7, with A and K indices of 18 and 4; but l2 and 4 on August 17, 20, 26 and 29; reaching G1 minor storm levels August 28 with A and K indices of 25 and 5. Lowest indices of 5 and 2 on August 9 to 16. Solar flux dropping to 90 August 12-14, rising to only 105 by August 25-27.

The annual Perseid meteor shower peaks around August 11-12 but extends for a week or two before and after. Stand by for FM DX to burst in on open frequencies for a second or two.

Bill Hepburn`s VHF-UHF-microwave DX maps show extreme tropospheric ducting in extreme south Texas the morning of August 9 and all week

off Baja California; the eastern and western Mediterranean thru August 8. All week around the Red Sea and Persian Gulf; August 8-11 along the coast of Angola (via DXLD) ###